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Revd James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Yours of Dec. 28th I find here this week on returning from our last tour. Many thanks, first, for writing so soon after your interview with Alice; also, for the familiarity and frankness with which you speak of the problems concerning her return to Turkey and location; and not least, for the wholly admirable advice you gave her concerning these, to her, so perplexing questions.

Had we held the same "brief", we could not have given her advice more identical than you did in talking with her, and I have done in recent letters, which I think may have reached her before her interview with you.

I thank you most humbly for your advice + kind words concerning her. May she realize our expectations, by God's grace and help and become a far better missionary than her parents. To this end, is it too much to ask if you will also think how she can best use the next year or two.

I have just met a very considerable pecuniary loss, so that if practicable it would be a great help if she could ~~not~~ pay her own expenses hereafter, tho the chief consideration is, of course, her highest efficiency as a missionary. Marcovan or Harbert even made about the same preparation. She made some musical & vocal training, tho I doubt if she made the Springfield Normal Course.

I have sent you no "report" concerning our brief visit to Erzroom, because I thought my home letters expressed all I must say to give you an unbiased view of the state of things there; and also because our "mission" was purely personal & informal. I have communicated nothing relating to that visit to the Mission even, feeling its extreme delicacy because of sacred confidences.

I hope you will ultimately approve of this returns

The Mrs. E. was the only one who seconded or appreciated our efforts. I firmly believe God directed us there and used us in removing many hindrances to a better understanding.

Our visit was undertaken, continued and followed with much earnest prayer and I have strong faith it will yet prove fruitful.

Yes I suppose we must have an Ex. Meeting.

We have already started a vote that it be at Van, June 2nd, tho the Erzroom circle wished it - July 16, so which circle might go!!

We have read Dr. Coan's account of their journey fr. Erz. to Van.

He anticipated when hearing of the late coming of Mrs. Barrows and as I wrote you from E. they had a hard journey, making all allowance for the Drs unconscious exaggerations, to which he is prone

The next best news would be his engagement to Miss. C. E. when he may settle down into a good missionary. Miss D's health is still such as to make it quite possible she may have to go home next spring, unless she exercises more will-power & "brace up." There may be some other changes necessary here, for greatest harmony & efficiency, but we hope you will believe they will not be made unless absolutely essential.

Is there no good man in the Western T. Mission who can be transferred to Erzroom? Things would settle down much more quickly in E. if some experienced man cd be associated with Mr. L.

E. T. M. ~~has~~ more than once or twice (e.g. Dr Parmelee, Pratt & Wm Chambers, MacCallum, Price, &c) has reinforced W. T. M. What was the matter with Crawford - if the question be not impertinent? Just place on any question you cannot wisely answer the you know my reticence.

Do not be surprised if you shd be requested to suggest to the Mission the transfer of Mr. L. to Bitlis there providing them with their much needed physician. Would you be even more startled at the thought of the S.s coming to Harpoot!!

Mrs. L. would find abundance to do here & he - well, he could be whipped into shape for he "has makings of a good worker under suitable environment" How my pen does run on!

And this brings me right round to E., as J. L. P. used to say.

Certainly that station must not be left there and no two new missionaries however distinguished, should be left there

Pardon me if I seem obtruding my advice but I am deeply interested.

Dr Lougan & others write as if the Parmenos were sure to return to the U.S. next spring I doubt if they have such a plan. It will be a great loss to us all when they leave and I shall feel awful lonesome, the last of the old force.

Dr. B's duties are much lightened by the E Knapps coming and Emma has not been so well for a year, so I hope they may not go next ~~year~~ summer at least. In haste late redeat.

Does the Old South Ch of Andover still contribute towards my support? I have never received but one brief letter from Mr. Chapman or I have assumed they continued it but one year. Leila is very faithful in her correspondence with her Lynn ch. but I never was worth anything in letter writing line.

With regard to Arabia, Egypt &c, I have nothing new or particularly cheering to write. I remember my dear friends over there that region. The people too allude to it frequently & I am careful to give your salutations whenever they speak of you.

I am much distressed by the spiritual condition of churches. Wine drinking is again rampant and the people universally seem dirt lee, and to have lost all heart. During our recent visit at Hulakeigh - from first to night constantly there, beating people & selling their home utensils, bedding & even clothing to extort back-taxes. So almost everywhere in the field you must be prepared for a poor showing in our, Sab. Times.

Still everywhere too, we find some light and cheer. In Hulakeigh, 25-30 young men inquirers came to talk, confess & pray with me during our two days visit. Cairo's experience was similar.

We start now for Tehran where all backsliders during the recent revival are to be reconstituted & reform all churches on a new confession of faith. To see, I often am not a whit less than a full Bishop!

Our household unite with Lt. Harold & myself in hoping Her health steadily improves in the warm home air. As ever yours,

Geo. C. Browne

P.S. - Please not forget it.

P.S. Remember me to Mr. Chapman

Rev. F. A. Noble
Andover
Mass.

Teh. - 1, 1900

Rev. J. K. Browne

Yeghiles Mon. Mar. 19 - 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Miss Bush has just read me her reference to Annie Allen's coming here and asks me if I do not wish to say something on same subject. If I thought it at all probable Annie would be sent by the Board as a missionary anywhere, especially here, I think I should feel called upon very strongly to protest tho on very different grounds from those offered in case of E. W.

But remembering your former feelings with regard to Annie, and more especially those of Dr. Daniels which he expressed more than once & very decidedly - viz. Annie's appointment as a Missionary (tho she received same salary as her mother's attendant, having some work also in school;) remembering all this, I can hardly think that apart fr. Emma Barnum's partiality for her childhood's friend there can be any serious thought of Annie's return to Harpoot.

Annie has been rather a favorite in our family — with us all, as a sweet, dutiful girl entirely devoted to what she felt to be her duty. Of her piety there can be no doubt tho' it is not of a very positive character, not calculated to impress itself in influencing or moulding character of others. I think her warmest friend would not maintain she had what is called that magnetic quality wh. attracts & wins & impresses those who come under its influence, so essential to success in any form of missionary service.

If any should refer to her rare devotion to her family, especially her mother, without wishing to diminish in least either its ideal or rare unselfishness, one might see in this a lack of that cool unbiased judgment in raising herself for best good of all and even sacrificing herself, which largest service for Master seems to require. Here is one perhaps most plaintiff what may be called Allen characteristic which is seen also so plainly in her cousin E. W.

But Annie's chief failings as a missionary candidate would be thought to be a line of mental unfitness

Even her very partial uncle regarded her as nearly a failure as a teacher, very weak when his own daughter was strongest.

Her ~~and~~ superficiality in her education as well as in her teaching was notorious as her "dear friend" had to admit.

I am writing all this in the dark. I don't know that there is any serious thought of inviting Annie here. I cannot think who would wish her to come especially Barnum, for Emma's sake, largely.

Tom Mr Gates mentioned it once but I said to him I did think of no one who would favor it - save Barnum or rather Emma

I cannot think he would, who said of her bro. Herbert "he wd leave station if he heard of H's coming" - & A. is Herbert's ~~double~~ sister

Not all objections to H. are as true in A.

Mr. E. also said recently: "We have enough 2nd quality material here in H. without adding that"

This remark was made in station meeting when I had said "perhaps Mr Allen Stapleton might become valuable workman in such a station as work at Hartford" or to the effect.

You and I have never yet spoken fully to speak with utmost frankness. I may not have done Annie justice but not conscious of being at all prejudiced against her. I wish when I have a word for her concerned. She is a dear girl, but I think quality might strengthen a member of M. station or Mr Gates grounds or on other equally true I fear.

This term will complete 24 weeks of absence for home this terrible cross. Then comes a three weeks visit to Halifax and then / harvest / of all their Kordial. I am more than tired. I do not sleep or eat well & I cough incessantly but this work must be done & at present I am only one to do it. I look forward to relief in greatest haste. Most faithfully, E. M. Brown

JUN 11 1900
JUN 12 1900

Harpoot May 15th 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton

I sent off Tab. View & Annual Report with Miss. Burhis by last week's post & hope they will reach you in good shape & time tho I fear they may not prove any more satisfactory to you than they are to me; much in the line of statistics you recently furnished the Congl Club in Boston. But you know Harpoot does not believe much in rhetoric or fine spun rainbow hued generalities but in plain, pregnant facts.

In spite of plenty of hard work, first in and most painstaking superintendence our work seems on the down grade & has been ever since the "Event." 1900, I had hoped, would find us quite or nearly independent of American aid save for the supported Missionaries and the College. Considering the crippling of churches & communities by the massacres, whereby we lost nearly one third of our church members, — and vastly more of their resources, our field has made a steady advance in pecuniary contributions, giving 68 380 ₺ in 1896 and (see Tab. View) & 107 388 in 1899 !!

In the line of self support, considering the conditions prevailing, they are doing nobly. I wish I could say as much in other respects.

Our work is slowly (very) retrograding for lack of suitable, may I not say consecrated workers. Think of 27 teachers employed here in the College and yet almost impossible to avail ourselves of its fine graduates. Montes pecunium &c &c. We must "be patient" it is said. Hate it, at least.

To think of the American and native labor & expense involved here, and the result !!

Thus — our churches & schools are drifting backward, & we are expected to make bricks without straw with a very inferior kind of clay!

Hence we are driven to the necessity of opening a Third Class, I dare not say "Seminary" without suitable candidates, rooms, teachers, or even any assured money to sustain it; tho this last is our least care. When the other needs met I have not the slightest doubt the money would be forthcoming. Have you? We should need 100 £ at least. We must open such a class yet how are they to be instructed?

Coming now to your letter concerning An. Meeting. Ere this you have heard there is to be none this year in E. T. M. All four Kaipoot missionaries voted in favor of it, at first; but finally, on the third vote, Dr. B. & I felt constrained to vote in the negative, and the vote failed to carry for lack of four votes. I feel an immense relief, for many reasons, as you may know. The most necessary questions can now be settled by intercessional votes. The Dr & Wife feel badly & the Wedding will lack the desired éclat!

Coming now to the matter of your last letter.

What could the W. B. M. P. be thinking about to put $2000 more into that city of Erzroom. Almost anything I should say about the so called "work" there would seem exaggerated — yet I should like to know if any missionary outside of Erzroom in E. T. M. knows more about it, after my six visits there! Over 4000 £ have been expended there in the city since I came here, to say nothing of a large sum in Erzingan where Mr. S. said "work is nearly extinct" Now they want $10000! I think I should almost wish to resign from such a Board if such a perfectly insane request were granted.

1 You do not forget the relatively small work in the city even, with almost none in the outside to demand such or girls' college or seminary

2 so far as I can remember, from my first acquaintance with that work in every Annual Meeting, they have had some huge plan for buildings, expecting thereby to give bulk if not stability to their work which does not materialize

Let the costly buildings, almost empty at Erzroom & Erzingan testify to the effectiveness of that method of building up missionary work!

3 The E.T.M. has ever insisted that buildings should follow & correspond with the needs of existing work, not precede mere imaginary or hoped for work

There has been the grand error of that work at Erzroom; it has never been within sight of the remarkable preparations anticipatory of its coming.

4 Either building lots, labor & materials are enormously expensive there or the work has been recklessly planned and overseen by those in whose interest it was undertaken, or there was rank dishonesty.

Possibly all these conditions (save the last let us hope) combined to bring about results we see there today. What hope is there a similar result would not follow another costly expenditure under similar conditions and oversight under experiment under Mr. Stapleton?

Hence I should strongly oppose any such waste at E. at present, until the earnest cooperation and aid of the community, the real demands of the work, and the missionary force there afforded some warrant that it would prove a wiser investment than these "gone before", or until their present large property was put to more profitable use.

In saying this I do not mean there is no need of better quarters for the girls' school there in spite of all that has been expended for it. I believe these can be acquired by suitable changes in buildings they have

One word more on Express. Drs B. & Gates advocate Dwight's going there, temporarily. We seem to forget the Conflict hardly affords training to make a man wise in expenditure, skillful in superintending building, or sympathetic towards missionaries fighting for self support, especially when we think Dwight & Hochanne Agha are mutual admirers. I am not sure but Harpoot will have to take the bull by the horns and be traced, scored & hamstrung on to prevent a greater catastrophe!!

You will not misunderstand me if I venture to protest once more, against Harpoot's way of personally writing to the Rooms & proposing that such & such persons be sent here, to become members of the circle, when the majority of the circle have not been consulted. They may or may not be desired by the circle, still this is not the way. Likewise no one of us should write, even rejecting, opposing the coming of any one suggested by the Rooms, before consulting with the station!

I make this appeal in behalf of many here, not caring to be more specific.

After a most trying interview with Miss B., she has withdrawn her resignation and I trust the troubled waters here may settle down or that life may again seem worth living. Others too are doing better. Do you think I should wish Alice to launch her bark in such a whirlpool — subjected to — & — for the start? Deliver us! We are tempted, but nothing would tempt me to subject her to a similar process. Your pictures are a delight to us all. I never saw finer, & we congratulate you & ourselves, heartily.

We are starting on our last term, this Coordinator. Decorum with us.

With sincerest love to Mrs. B. & the children, As ever, J. K. Browne.

Harpoot, Jan. 15, 1900

Admirable! Warmer the Madonnas is, so perhaps better any day to have it & having other expenses for Schools & the Sick.

One last word "Maid" read much in Gum about Turkey & Persia & knowing what Mr. E. H. Kendall, who wrote Dr. Zwemer's life, may get hold of & about this time!!

Harpoot May 16 - 1900

Dear Barnum All

Last Post slipped away without my getting anything in for you, but I am sure nothing happens here you do not hear fr. some one, and unless I mistake, many things many times over

Yet we all see fr. our own stand point or in that way, sameness provides variety

Mary promised me to withdraw her resignation so that chasm is filled for the present

Laura now seemed more cheery & contented we for as we see her so that too is encouraging

Ada we expect to see this week to day perhaps. then we can determine whether, on the whole, it is best to visit Diarbekir.

You see we have not yet started, partly because of the weather wh. tho generally fine, brings us tremendous showers daily here, tho some parts of the plain, Hoghi & towards Pala, none has come; partly to let the rivers fall as the Euphrates is very full, as, we reason, will be those in K;

partly also because hitherto we have not been able to find any kind of a servant as reliable for the return of Mardiros - of Bismarck!!

The chief reason however has been the preparation of Tab. Views, Estimates, and an Report, the first and last of which I sent to Mardiros & Boston, last week and the Estimates Mr K. is expecting to send this week.

I have been considering whether we had best go to Koordistan or again up to Egin as Sabbatarianism seems sweeping away our work there. Armenag has gone to Arabkir to teach; Shunorhoom has clean gone over to the embrace of the sabbatarians in general if not of their bachelor leader in particular, Kabootjian wife if not K. himself while Gnadeh Aghpa says he no objection to Sab. as far as keeping Sat. is concerned tho he cannot receive their other doctrines. I think his bro Mugurdich accepts even more.

I should not be surprised if the Gregorians made a great outcry then against leaving their orphans under such influence & I should not blame them much either.

We have heard nothing for Malatia since our where tho we have written them two epistles, one to the Orphan Com. accepting all their recommendations in the amounts of salaries, the other offering to help them four fifths up to 160 £ in rebuilding parsonage & schools, provided they acquainted the government with their design, temporarily to use it as plan for prayer & for schools.

I wish I could trust them to fulfil these conditions faithfully. We did avoid discouraging them, & we did not condone any deception. Our work there is sufficiently handicapped now.

Very likely we may hear for them this week.

The papers have much of America's new & stiff demand for the Indemnity & wh. you have read. Imagine our feelings!! I rather think it will come this time with our Izadi wh. we hear has been granted. We certainly "learn to labor and to wait." May we also "not be weary in well doing".

We are writing our congratulations to the S.S. at Engoomi where girl baby came Sat. Apr 29.
We heard of Dr. H's arrival at Van first.

There seems a general relief at there not being an Am Meeting, tho I suppose Sec. B. may be disappointed. I trust matters will have greatly cleared everywhere by next June.

We have seen no note yet relating to Dr. H. Mary, Mr. K. or Mr. D. but some will appear.

A German called here last week on his way to look up the Ger. Ch. Work in Diarbekir.

We expect Kilbrow fr. D. this week, perhaps with Ada. Mr. K will write of his new plans as to the Orphanages. Perhaps we can use Kilbrow in Zeytun or Hadjin or send him to Diarbekir.

No items of special interest in the Report. Teachers + Schools + Pupils – decreased. 105 more members rec'd and an increase of contributions 10 000 p. Think of that in face of such conditions!!

The health of the station was more better, we hope is improving hourly. Come back well and with many years to spend crowded with blessing.

Yours, H. B.

Friday. June. P.M. June 12th 1890

Dear Barnum All.

Have I one little thing to communicate which will not be written by the others? Surely not if I touch upon things outside our household and even town, - but here goes! Harold has just had his hair cut. They up to this hour I know that has not been written. The letter may be yet in / mail box and go soon as we expect.

Leila & I are to remain here to morrow, so that the young people go to the Gates "garden party" in honor of Laura, after the Concert given with the same purpose, to morrow Sock P.M., I believe.

Which you are doing me round to Laura about whom you are hearing so much this time, that perhaps I had best reserve my feeble remarks until we reach Chicago which we hope may be on Friday June 22.- 29, for she says she fears she may prove but a poor traveller on horse back, such hot weather. She is destined to try me far more, I fear, by

arranging or permitting a crowd of natives to travel along with us, all way to China who are on their way to America. Nice prospect! Still I suppose I can endure it for a week if it be so essential to her or other's happiness.

The fact remains she comes leaving in good spirits and, inter nos, I cannot but think I have had a nice share in bringing it about — a consummation surely to be wished.

Of course you know the weepings & wailings the sparings-to-be-comforted-separations, besides more parting, suppers, gifts, calls, makings of books if not of garments that can well be numbered. Perhaps Dr Torrey & Rev Sedador represented the general feeling of all the male teachers of college who called en masse last eve, when Dr Sedador said: "We understand Miss E. cannot stay here longer. We have come to the conclusion no one of first class talent & education ever will be allowed to stay here!!" Then he indulged all he had heard of Mary Wright

We all felt it better she should not be here examination work is expected to get her there before / Sirias expires for evident reasons to wh. she readily assented and we start Thurs. June 14. D.V. the Bogha has not yet appeared tho he promised to be here Sat. last. If not here to morrow A.M. I shall strike for Baghdasar.

Dr. G. will intruct you with all the many varying phases of his contact with / Gov't.
We are hopefully awaiting a Tel. fr. Coughtry saying at least "your till recd", wh. will be an immense relief. Dr. G. has had calls fr. the Pacha's young bro. & other officials to day "they say." I have heard no report of the call.

The Pacha has been some weeks at Malatia & Kaisaharn, and which robs, is recalcitrant and the golden building days are slipping by wh. maybe / object of this delay.
I am proud to say Dr. G. seems to stand fair & man on exact facts & truths in all his intercourse with / Gov't and so we can well afford to wait Providence

Little of special interest in our field now.
Shunorhorn has left Orphanage & is staying at
Kaboliani's home! Neither Cr. nor E. has a teacher.
I see little prospect of ever one for them.
Arabkir Girls' Cr. wishes a teacher & perhaps a
Boys Cr. None for either now appear.
The Arabkir Varantabed wishes two graduate girls
teachers for his "Seminary" there. Will he get them?
Dr Garabed writes for two for D. as Anna writes
"all teachers boys & girls have resigned."

Would you believe it, Bro. Hagopian has
been elected Chairman of Parish Committee on
Dr. G.'s he signed "call" to Yeghoian!!
The latter has, at last, plainly declined the
call and D. finds an — not sweet to him
or to us — & unpleasant. Six travail — —
Bro Avedis — & wife have a new boy, fourth child
hope to leave this month. Amen.
By last mail came enclosed fr. Chapelton. Just no.
I hope things will work out all right there, & we
we have no fear. Oh! the blessings that come from
missions! You'll all come over to my ~~side~~ at
Most lovingly Your E. M. Pop

Study. Tues. July 24/1900

Dear Ramona All.

I am left alone here in the city, all having gone to the garden until a hottest day of the summer apparently. I have been extremely busy all day so have not got round to writing

Now that I have I hardly know what left to the chance. There are many interesting items pertaining to the stations & relations with the Govt. and to the Orphan Work &c. I must not touch. If there is anything interesting at the garden you will surely tell that at least once for our ladies

Nothing fr. outside has indicated any attention, since my return fr. Lisas, save the funeral of Pastor Giraga's daughter, Mariam &c. I was unable to attend because of fever

I believe the Avedis of Hul. has finally secured his Teskeris at a very high price and yet to start soon as we hope we heartily unite

Bro. Vartan of Diarbekir has his also & expects to leave soon for Hul. or Marash

Bar. Larkis of Haini has decided to go to Marash if we will "send" him with Vartan. I wd much prefer th both go to Marsovan You or we deem it inexpedient - this fall to attempt running a theolog. class.

Mr Knapp does not find the Orphan Work exactly a "flowery bed of ease" I fear, as he is planning to make a tour this work to/ north visiting Aghun - Arabkir. Eleph. Egin &c

He has ordered all/ Arabkir orphans to be brought here but I doubt if he sees them here this year Pastor Bedros plans to remain at A., unless/ orphans are removed here.

Dr Pastor M. of Malatia remains another year the Bar Hovan refuses to return for less than 2½ £ a month! On settling with him Mr K. paid him 125 p. a month + H. took it & refuses to refund it. tho he knew perfectly he was to receive but 100 p. monthly from us, for/ first.

I do not now know of any teacher going either to Diar. Mal. Arab. or Egin tho one may be found for Diar. Vartabed, like/ one in Arabkir wishes

teaching from us. What a shameful fellow!

So far as I know there is to be no meeting of the Union, since there is no union for it among those who seemed to desire it at first. A result for which I am relieved & thankful.

Mr Perry has long wished to ordain a man in Tocat & I think in Sivas but their "Zion" will not permit it. A nice state of things! We can get along without the sort of "cooperation"

Pastor Kavanie has written urging our employing his daughter Isaac(?) as teacher in Chamchirak to take out his pittance of 350 p. a month. I don't know what kind of a teacher she would make for those rough & ready E. girls but that is a subordinate question to how much can she receive.

Antras is broken hearted because he did not receive his diploma with his class mates & is very bitter at "injustice"

Her subsequently was examined & received it but "wounded his honor" is very deep. If Trowbian leaves perhaps he may go to Harpoot

Mr. E. has had continuous trouble with the Kaimakamia govt. but he secures, by sympathy, help and service of his colleagues because of his determination to be perfectly frank and good in talking over with them his plans. They probably do not believe him, which is our heritage, & only time alone can remove.

When I returned, (leaving here June & returning July 14) I found Leila in a great state of excitement because of some news received from many sources about Agnes' health, and news of a change in present arrangements for children. Indeed if my absence had been longer I should have found her packing if not packed, for Z.

She has now moderated in her views still nervous & anxious. We are hoping to bring them east again hoping this may obviate any present or near necessity of her return to America tho we must face its possibility, perhaps not near. Good bye dear ones all. We miss you awfully.

Parson to

AUG 21 1900
SEP 29 1900

Harpoot, July 26. 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

My last to you, I think, accompanied Ann. Report & Tab. Views, whose answer, dated June 12, I find awaiting me here, on my return from Sivas.

First let me refer briefly to your letter. I am not to me, and I think now, to all the station, that altho the need of preachers, as of teachers is unprecedented, the opening of the Seminary this fall is quite impracticable. This has been my feeling from the first. Perhaps two or more college graduates may be induced (I wish I could use a better word to go to Marash or, better, Marsovan, but I am not sure.

There are not enough candidates, even if they were willing to come here, and if our resources were sufficient to teach them, to warrant such a step this year.

I think it a capital idea to send a medical woman to Harpoot. There are many here who think such a person quite indispensable here, if not for the sake of so large a station, at least for our institutions and orphans.

You know my stupidity has never permitted me to appreciate the value of a "male medical missionary" here. I think my brethren, now largely sympathize with this feeling or conviction.

Anyway, such a medical lady as you describe I think would do an admirable work here, and the sooner she comes the better.

With regard to sending another missionary family (2) "to take Dr T's place", I will speak later. Such a man is needed in respective of the return of the Barnums, for whom the reports are excellent.

I am in no doubt whatever of the perfect sagacious of dealing at the Rooms, nor of the careful judgement of the Prud. Committee. My strictures pertained solely to the customs prevailing here, which none know better than you do, of individuals working in severe judgement of members of the station, even proposing their removal or in other cases prejudging and determining the fitness or unfitness of persons suggested to become members of the station, without conferring with the other members of the station, and so allowing them the chance possible of changing or modifying their opinions. Not to mention the case of Miss Wright and others, within your knowledge of Harport as the case of Mr. Ellis and recently Dr. Mead, & Miss. Ellsworth, notably the latter.

All I contended for is that in all matters affecting the whole station, the whole station should first be consulted, thus after a full frank christian expression of opinion the judgement of the whole station should be loyally accepted. I know you favor this only fair course. Had it been followed here, laity as well as preacher, deep wounds if not pain & bitterness and lasting loss to our work might have been avoided.

You will bear me witness I have written you about matters here of most serious import only when requested by you.

When such have become subjects of station action, thus I see no reason why any may not write freely, if so disposed.

Diplomatically speaking, I suppose Harper regards the "Ellsworth" incident as closed. Well, let it remain so. Who does not know how sharp & critical & severe H. has always been with its untried missionaries but never so much so as now. I finally advised Miss E. to go, but the necessity condemns us far more than it does her. Livas has gained a treasure, with a loss to us many, many years will not make up.

For I was well used up, of course I could not allow Miss E. to go to Livas with 2 abtichs or natives so I accompanied her & really did not know her before that journey, her social, mental and spiritual resource. She quickly won the whole circle at L. especially her, whose place she came to take, and more especially the teaching scholars & people just as she did here, to a degree I have never seen before.

Mr. Perry begged so hard I would remain and tour with him I consented tho sorely against my will. We went first to Toeat. There the work among the Engorian young men is extremely encouraging. I would gladly have spent as many weeks there as we did days. But on arriving I began to have fever & ague & had it all the time we remained. I returned to L. in an araba, so weak I fainted going up stairs. I spent my 5-7th "4th" in bed, tho the three Consuls had made an elaborate celebration in Miss E's honor & mine. I took 22 grains of quinine that day. Being I was too exhausted to do the work which they had planned, the Livas friends insisted on hiring a "spring araba" which brought me home last Sat, after an absence of 4-5 weeks. & am having more or less ague still tho quite well.

Rev. J. C. Brown
Harpoot, July 26, 1900

I have written a note to Mrs. Barton enclosing other letter to me which she will communicate to you. This may result in our return, tho I trust not this year, as Mrs. Brown at first thought.

We are doing all in our power from this distance, if possible, at any expense, to provide for our children in the east. We may not succeed.

In this case, of course, Leila, at least, must return at once "to make a home for the children". Tho just yet only a possibility, I felt you should be informed of the mere possibility at once, as it might modify some of your plans for Harpoot.

I am fully aware what it means for a man like me, when nearly 60, to return to the U.S. and expect to support such a family at their very most expensive age, especially anywhere near Boston.

Then after one has been associated with a work like this for 25 years apart from the difficulty of finding, and taking up a new work there is the pain and difficulty of leaving a life work here.

I cannot but feel I can labor here 30 yrs, at least without loss of efficiency. I think then I would cheerfully resign my work to my successor.

I need not mention such considerations to convince I am under no hallucination as to my prospects in America or that I shall be induced to go home unless absolutely necessary.

Should I be forced to return, soon, if I did serve the Board then, in a modest way, for a modest salary for a few years it wd take away much of the bitterness of such a disappointment as returning.

If not practicable, "In some way or other the Lord will provide"

Faithfully Yours, Jno. K. Brown.

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Harpoot, July 31st 1900

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

First of all I desire to acknowledge, in behalf of the station, your letter of June 25th, acquainting us with the fact that "590 liras was appropriated to day from the Leonard Fund, given for this purpose for rebuilding some of the chapels in your field"

We hardly need assure you that we will spare no effort that the money be wisely expended, and only on the condition that the people receiving this aid shall contribute, in money and free labor, to the extent of their ability.

We do not know whether the donor of this fund be living or not, but if so, will you kindly convey to him, in behalf of this station, and, even more, of the thousands who will rise up to call him blessed, as down thro long years they enjoy the riches of his liberality, our deep gratitude also.

Like our missionary brethren from all over the world, we must express to you all at the Rooms, our profound pain at the events transpiring on the mission fields of China and our admiration at the good confession and heroic deaths of the servants of Jesus Christ there, native & missionary.

We remember you all, and the survivors in China, and the sorrowing homes and friends in America, daily in our prayers.

The great blessing we are now in to result from the rebuilding of our chapels, both on our Protestant people and hardly less on the Gregorian communities and even on the Government itself leads me to speak on a matter closely allied to this, viz: the rebuilding of our schools here in Harpoot.

I hardly need remind you of what I have referred to many times in previous letters, how heavily handicapped our schools are in this station, especially here in this city. Among the causes let me glance at three.

First. The large number of teachers going to America. 1
Dr. Gates can give the disheartening figures but they are such as to seem to make necessary the retention of most of the graduates here to keep up the teaching force which still lags behind what might be called an adequate force for our constantly increasing scholars.

Second. This insufficiency of teachers is still further 2
emphasized by the growing demand for them for the best Gregorian schools which are now crowded & successful, being so liberally supplied with money from America that we cannot compete with them in the line of salaries.

Third. In spite of such depletion of teachers, our schools 3
here are crowded to repletion because of the hundreds of orphans we are forced to care for whether we have room or not.

You can see how this orphan problem aggravates the difficulty of providing quarters, here & there, for our scholars, an additional hindrance to the teaching & discipline of our schools.

4 A still further disadvantage to our schools here, at present, is the hostile attitude of our local government which seems determined to put every possible obstacle in the way of our rebuilding. Certain itis, and I am sure all the local societies are a unit in this opinion, that the longer our schools are hampered by so many adverse conditions, not only is it impossible for the college to fulfil its great mission, but it is easy to see how its hard earned prestige is being impaired and, hardly dare, that of our whole Protestant work here & throughout the field.

5 We rejoice sympathingly with you all, to hear of the steady advance of our sister institutions at Marsovan and Sivilah, of their enlarging numbers, accommodations and courses of study. This gives us new courage & inspiration.

But as we look around upon these five-years-old ruins and the hard conditions under which we are still compelled to carry on our college work, when we see grand opportunities for enlargement—such as we have never seen during our forty years of work here—slipping away or passing into the hands of the Gregorians, do you wonder if we find it hard to remain patient or to think this can be the will of the Master

Nothing could more delight the enemies of the Gospel than that present conditions continue, than that after our Iradi has been wrung from the "marked fist" of the Sultan, means should not be forthcoming to at once arise and build and push and crowd the work to the utmost—without waiting for the Indemnity

But then some one of the Trustees say: "What of the money we have already sent beyond the current needs of the college"? That has been expended with great care and wisdom, by Dr Gates in the gradual purchase of material which, if bought at one time, would have depreciated in price and been of inferior quality. Now we have a large quantity of first class lumber, bought cheap thoroughly seasoning, and partly prepared for immediate use

All the trustees have gratefully recognized Dr. Gates rare ability, not only in the line of purchasing materials for buildings but in planning their construction & superintending the same

It would be a sorry day for Harpoot's reconstruction if because of discouragement or physical inability to carry such burdens longer, he should decide to drop them upon us.

God forbid such a dire necessity, and you then must do your utmost to prevent it. So great indeed is the urgency that even if you should say: "there are no more funds available until the indemnity be paid" then in behalf of my fellow trustees, whose opinion I am sure represent, tho they are not here, I would reply: "Then let the honored and beloved Trustees then beg, borrow or still better give the necessary amount or secure it any way that seems best to them; only let them not constrain us to wait longer to begin our rebuilding after the government gives its reluctant consent. Such are the convictions of the "conservative member" of this station, who remains, ever,

Your's to command, John H. Browne.

Harpoot, July 31, 1900

Rev. J. K. Browne

AUG 28 1900
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Dear Dr Barton

Just a word in your unofficial ear. I thought something like the other (enclosed) letter might be useful in stirring up the minds of the College Trustees there to a better realization of the pressure and the necessity also for their fullest sympathy for Dr. Gates' great burdens and the need of lightening them at once, as far as money is concerned.

I cannot speak too strongly on this point. Money he must have for meeting these constantly recurring bills for lumber &c.

By anticipating his great needs for material and buying carefully, he has saved much.

If the College funds are not available and as the Trustees is looking for a real "gilt-edged" investment for $5000, here it is.

If no other way, why let them borrow it but money we must have and at once.

Of course the Endowment is coming, but we are all living under rather high pressure this this is — Turkey. Heartily, J. K. B.

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Harpoot, Sept. 12th 1900

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Two answers have not come to my recent letters at the request of the station, I send you still another.

Recent letters from you indicate that at the Rooms you appreciate not only our need of more American teachers but of an American physician for the station, school or orphanage. You have asked the station's opinion, also, of this need.

We have spent an evening in full, frank conference and, with considerable diversity of view, the consensus of opinion is that a physician seems necessary and should be sent as soon as a suitable one be found. On this point of "suitableness" there was a difference of judgement mainly on two lines. Some thought that our need could be met only by a married male physician, while others thought an unmarried lady physician would do equally well (and would be, in some respects, preferable). This latter opinion rested on such considerations as:

1 Such an one, thoroughly educated & equipped could be secured more readily and so this "pressing need" be more promptly supplied.

2 A lady physician, while meeting this need, would not be likely to have a large outside practice which we regard unessential to our work.

3 Such a physician could be easily and at once accommodated within our over crowded premises and could find a home among us without requiring a separate missionary residence

4 The above considerations seemed emphasized by the fact, we hope, that a lady physician would not be likely to defer the coming of another missionary family, the need of which we all feel even more than that of a physician, and would also not be prejudicial to the long standing claims of our sister stations

5 We sympathize deeply with the needs of Eyroom, Billie, and Hardin who have waited so long for succour and in vain. These stations would hardly hear with equanimity of the coming of two missionary families here however evident our need, while, what seems to them, their greater needs were unsupplied

To sum up, then, the result of our evening discussion, I think the majority of the station would prefer a married male physician, provided his coming in no wise prejudiced that of another missionary family. Would we could see him or her this fall.

(The door has been read to & accepted by the station)

We have received more hopeful news lately from all our scattered chicks, especially from Agnes. Edith will find a home at the Huntingtons in Mellon, Arthur again at Auburndale, Edward once more at Mt Hermon, Elsie, with your advice, at Hartford, while poor Agnes remains in limbo and when "neither she, nor we, nor anybody knows".

This is the chief element of uncertainty & disturbance to Delia and makes her restless and impatient "to make them a home once more"

Of course I have no desire to return at present, but on the bare possibility, you see how necessary is another missionary family.

Dr Gates has written you of the probability the present head of the Fem Dept will not remain longer than the coming year — and the consequent need of her place also being supplied at the earliest —

I hope you have not many stations as troublesome as we are but the fault really is "not so much in us as in our stars" which in their course have seemed lately to be fighting against us

Is it the desire of the Board that L. P. K. be located here? Would it be prejudicial to our work or good name if he should be caught away from us by a sister station, at next Annual Meeting which I do not expect to have the usual felicity of attending? The answer to this might help or hinder the coming of another missionary

My last letter was on the necessity of furnishing Dr. Gates the requisite funds to force the rebuilding of the Girls School.

Soon after my writing the permission came and the next Monday A.M., Dr. G. put as many workmen as possible at work That was three weeks ago and it is amazing to Turkey if not to us, how much has been accomplished. It is nearly half up, all the outer & inner walls are of stone, and it is his sanguine hope it can all be roofed over before the frosts. Then the inside work can be finished leisurely during the winter & next year. Graduation Ex. be in the new building

Fix to us all passing charge, any one there can have a doubt of the importance and safety of sending the requisite funds even if they must be borrowed. These funds must be forthcoming at once even if we personally, should have to become responsible

If it would not seem too presumptuous after all the above, we need more than we dare express a treasurer, one who can and will keep all our accounts accurately and faithfully carry out the value of the station without mistake or change.
Possibly Dr. Gates may have mentioned this before it has long troubled us. What we are to do is a great problem, more definitely of course it is not necessary to work. You might bear this too in mind when you are sending the coming man.
Probably next year or the year after, Dr. G. will be taking his vacation. We ought to have another man in training so that he may take at least part of Dr G's work during his vacation.
If we are ever to have a School. Living here we cannot defer its opening later than next year. This coming man should then be here and with language enough to take hold with us.
Our embarrassment is where to put a married family if they are to remain here permanently, unless new quarters are built for all the unmarried ladies so they could have a separate establishment which I hardly think they would favor as heartily as our married ladies would, tho the latter are making no complaints you know.
We are anticipating the return of the Barnums with some impatience hoping the health of each will be much improved. Dr. B. will probably find it necessary to resume charge of the Orphanage in which case I shall leave these Harpoot villages to Mr. K. He expects to start for Egypt in a few days. With love to all your family in which Mrs B. joins, I am ever Yrs. Geo. E. Browne

Harpoot, Sept. 13, 1900.

Rev. J. K. Browne

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Djarbekir Dec. 20. 1900

Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

We are still here, in our eighth week, and the time of our departure is not at hand, probably a month distant.

We left home Oct. 5th for "three weeks or a month" absence, at most taking our summer gear only. Now we have been gone eleven weeks and the end is not in sight - and we give it up.

Leila has been expecting, weekly, news of our return until two weeks ago, when she determined to send me your last of Sept. 20 which for the above reason has remained unanswered up to this late date.

Even now I am sitting up late to send these few words along with the enclosed which you may use in part for the Herald. I thought you, at least, would be interested in our recent trip thro Koordistan

In the enclosed Miss Bush has copied out my notes wh. I despaired of ever finding time to do. I fear they are too poorly for Dr. Strong's use. I am sorry Miss Bush did not emphasize the fact that all this work throughout Kordistan is now sustained by our native churches within & without the Harpoot field — a fact considering recent "Events" & their extreme poverty wh I think will have an excellent effect on the giving of the Home churches

Use it in part or as you think best — I regret I cannot "work it up as it deserves

Returning to K. seven weeks ago, we entered this city simply for a day or two, intending to escape out of it almost as fr. Sodom. In my experience of 25+ yrs in Turkey, during wh I have seen some bad church quarrels, I have seen nothing to be compared with what we found here. Rot, rotten, rottenness — and the deeper I went, the stench became more & more nasty & intolerable.

Had it not turned cowardly & unchristian I had cleared out, at the opening of the crisis.

But we were enclosed by the revelations ere we were aware & then I determined to fight it out if it took all — winter, at any cost. So I took off my (summer) coat & "wint in."!!

As usual, before any direct attempt at cleansing, purging & healing the sores & wounds, I began meetings, two a week, then three &, as number grew, finally one daily.

At first, nay for three weeks, I did not preach even on the sabbath. I cannot picture state of things. I would not if I could!

Gradually hearts began to soften and the first "reconciliation" was between Pastor Hagopian & Bro. Thomas, formerly pastor of Fockin.

That was first, wh. was followed by others so that we had meetings of that kind nearly every night — sometimes 20 + between present.

Such intense feeling; long smoldered hatred; then, after hours of fierce wrangling came a flood of melting; then mutual confessions, embracings, kisses &c &c.

Oh the history of these weeks, hardest and most exhausting & yet most satisfactory I think I have seen in Turkey, thank God!!

It has now been three weeks since our daily meetings began. In spite of very great obstacles (stormy weather &c.) their attendance reaches 200

They just "rise themselves", the Lord's little talks every 4 P.M., 4 to 4.45 on Ephesians. The church is awake, harmonious and at work.

Last sat. P.M. a delegation of eight came for the fourth time, (delegations of women have come repeatedly) to beg us to spend the winter promising — — — you know orientals!

I am kept on the jump fr. morn till night. Now I am having every eve neighborhood meetings.

I have just had a Communion, with accessions. We must have another, when I expect a blessed time. I shall be away fr. home for some fifteen weeks, but there is no help for it. My heart is full of praise. I will write you when I reach home D.V.

With love to Mrs B., children & yourself, ever,

Yours

Pr. 126.

Rev. J. K. Browne

1 Continuation of Our Tour Thro Koordistan 5

Diarbekir Jany 29 - 1901

Returning from Koordistan we stopped there at Diarbekir, its great Capital on the Tigris so famous in the wars of the Romans Scythians Saracens and Turks, whose massive walls & towers still bid defiance to man and nature We never enter this city without peculiar emotions, this time we shall leave it with such as we have never before had

Our plan was to stay a day or two here & then return to Harpoot & thence up the Euphrates But God had very different plans for us which He soon revealed so unmistakably we dared not substitute our program for His.

There has been no pastor over this important church since the massacre of '95, which was extremely severe in this city, so that now it has not half its former wealth and strength.

All their efforts to secure a pastor or even a preacher have proved unavailing and one of the congregation conducts their Sabbath & week day services

To say we found this church in a deplorable condition, torn by factions, jealousies, zealots would still express inadequately their need of missionary visitation. Perhaps this can be expressed in a more realistic way by saying this is our fourteenth week of labor here and the end is not yet, tho our daily services have continued three months and their attendance + interest are now at their best.

Such a change has occurred that it is literally true that Ps. 126 is continually in our mouths wh. are indeed filled with laughter + our tongues with singing because of the great things He has done for us by His Word + Spirit.

There has been little to remind one of a "revival" so called, yet from the beginning of our daily meetings, Hosea's prophecy seemed fulfilled (Hosea 14. 4+) + the Spirit has continued to descend like dew and we have enjoyed blessed times of Refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

We are confident - many have been born again tho

many, being Gregorians, may not yet have strength to leave the old church & identify themselves with us

Still many Gregorian homes for the first time hear daily prayer & praise & there is great joy in these homes & in many individual hearts within and without our Protestant community.

Such are some of the more Spiritual fruits of the Spirit.

Within the church, the change is quite as marked. Those who for years have neither visited each other nor even saluted one another by the way, now are seen walking, working, praying and eating together in one another homes and at the Lords table.

Perhaps quite as good a proof as any, among orientals, of the reality of this blessing occurred yesterday when we saw the "faith that worketh by love"

Of the heritage of their former mutual distrust and indifference, there remained a church debt of 40 £ which the Church Com. despaired of ever the Government had been lately extorting its exactions for this year together with all back taxes

With not the strongest faith, I preached on the widows mite, and said we would have no

more prayer meetings till we had demonstrated that the grace of God had reached our pockets. Then I left them to battle with this debt.

All took hold heartily, some giving literally all they had, & they then & there raised fully half, & hope to raise the other half to day so we may not lose one prayer meeting. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Last Saturday, at 10 A.M., we had a Memorial Service for Queen Victoria at the request of H. B. M.'s Consul, J. Francis Jones, Esq., which was conducted entirely in English.

It was attended by the English & French Consuls, government dignitaries, officials, representatives from the various state churches, and a large congregation of Protestants, Gregorians, Catholics, Syrians, Greeks, Chaldeans, Kurds. The stillness & attention of all to a service in an unknown tongue, testified eloquently to their sorrow and regard for the beloved Queen and seemed to reach the last word of the brief address: "O Queen live forever".

In the fellowship & service of the gospel,

Jas. N. Browne.

Rev. J. K. Browne,

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Dearbehr, Jan 29th 1902

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Barton.

This is the seventeenth week of continuous absence from our dear home and tho, again & again, we have planned to leave, the loving importunities & united prayers of this people have proved too much for us, we simply could not leave the work - so incomplete.

As we have lengthened into months, there we have passed here in this "black city" - already, and it is anything but certain when we are to escape from their affectionate pleadings.

Such a change has taken place in their feelings towards "Missionaries" & towards us, & the Board, and Work generally, & but fall, towards God and each other. Psalm 126 is constantly in our mouth, which almost daily is "filled with laughter & our tongue with singing" - because of the great things he has done for us. No great "Revival" only a decided outpouring of the Spirit "like dew upon Israel" "Indeed wonderfully.

Hosea 14. is being fulfilled, on this backsliden people.

Dr. & Mrs. Barton are well & are rejoicing in the success of our Mission work. Dr. & Mrs. Barton are constantly in our home & we are constantly in theirs. Dr. Barton is the chief to lie on me.

Tho there has not been a general "Revival" still there has been blessed "Times of Refreshing" Many we know have been born again; many more we trust have found salvation tho have yet found strength to confess Him as their Savior; many Gregorian heads of families now attend Chapel regularly some having established Family prayer; some have already begun to contribute toward our ch. expenses

Such things are some of the more tangible indications of the work of Spirit without this our people.

Within, the change has been one greater

I think I wrote you of this condition when we came "What hath God wrought" thro His word & Spirit Without exaggeration this ch & people seems altogether another

Strangold nature not are our walking working, praying & eating together at one another's houses & wondering they did not know one another before, while all seem heartily united & moved by some blessed Spt. to pray, work, live & give, for Christ & Church.

You know I am rather skeptical of any religion that is not the offspring of a "faith that works by love."
Last Sat. Ch. Com. came to me utterly discouraged. They had used every means to clear off the old ch debt and there still remained some 40 £ Turkish.
Unfortunately, Government has for months been using every means to exhort the whole amount of present & no less back taxes.
They said they dreaded entering next year and entering handicapped with this heritage of old jealousies, hatred or indifference.
So I preached in the morn. on Widow's mite & quietly said we wd have no more Prayer-Meetings till our prayers of the past weeks had "realized" in good works. This everything seemed against - the success of such an attempt - well, nothing is too hard for God. I left church & brethren wrestling with this debt. I heard afterwards they raised quite half of it - three & three and two brethren assume what is not raised today. Many almost as poor as "widow", have gladly given their mites.
There is great joy in this city to night.

Dear Mr. Bonne

Your note of Feb. 7th came duly to hand, & I am very glad to know that you have kept the faith & come home. Nothing for a long time has given me more pleasure than your letter. Such is record, in brief, of God's dealings with me since we last met. Oh, how I have sinned against Him, & how I have been chastened & disciplined. Had my faith been strong, my soul full of the Spirit, more good had been done. But for all it has been done in an profound, gracious way. To God be glory.

Last Sabbath I conducted in our church a Memorial Service for Queen Victoria, attended by English, French, Canadian & other Govt officials & representative citizens. Church was literally packed. It was entirely in English & lasted 3 hr. It seemed to have a wonderful effect upon all, especially upon the Indians who understood every word! Even Eng. Colonial Secretary was caught in for an hr. Some days after I was called in for an hr. Some days after I was called in for an hr. Some days after I was called

Harpoot, Feb. 3. 1901.
Sabbath Evg.

Dear Bro. Browne:

I do not like to begin a letter by apologizing or not writing before, so I will not, but I want to say to you that it is becoming increasingly apparent to me that we ought to have a theological class next year. There is a very quiet work of the Spirit among the boys, no excitement, no special meetings except in connection with the Day of Prayer, but for weeks the tide has been rising. Students give attention to spiritual themes, and they come to Ellsworth and me for counsel, and on the Day of Prayer for Colleges they turned to many of the teachers also. I have found at least four students who had talked with Prof. Tenekjian. A week ago Friday at the lecture hour I presented the origin of the American Board from a band of students, then I traced the connection between that and the Student Volunteer Movement, then I spoke of the needs of the Armenian nation and the possibility that a student movement might, under God, be the means of saving this nation &c. I gave them a week to think of it, and invited those who would like to talk with me about it to meet me the next Friday (last Friday) Seven came, and since

then I have found four more who have the ministry in view, eleven in all, and the end is not yet. Two of these are Gregorians, and they have already begun to hold Sunday School in two wards of the city. Three of these men are Seniors - If we form a theological class at once we shall gain many of these young men, but if they are sent away or forced to wait too long it may be that they will be turning off.

The general sentiment of the station seems to be that I ought not to attempt to teach these theologues. To me it would be a sore trial to give up teaching them systematic theology, or Biblical Theology. I should love to teach. But I shall have the buildings on hand and my college work. If I can not I do not want the work delayed on that account. I would suggest that you should take the theology in addition to Pastoral Theology, then let Dr. Barnum take History; Mr. Knapp some Exegesis, and I will do what I can. I do want to see the work begin, and I want our purpose to begin published soon in order to crystallize the sentiment now

forming. I am willing to efface myself from the program and work if only it may go on. Personally, there is no work I should love so much.

It may be that I shall go to America before the class would finish. I wish that you may have time to turn this over. I spent nearly two hours with a young man who has the ministry in view today; and I am to have another interview with him on Wednesday.

A telegram came from Arabkir today asking for some one to come and marry some couples there.

Next Sabbath, Feb. 10. is appointed by Y. M. C. A. as a Universal Day of Prayer for students. Please ask Diarbekir to pray for our college. I am planning to have statement made concerning the college in Mezreh, Hussunik and both wards of the city, and prayer offered for this work.

I will enclose a letter from Avdis Jamgochian, bring it with you when you come. We shall take up the matter then.

Dont be worried about me. I am tired and a wee bit bilious tonight, but I am immortal until my work is done. With much love to Caro and prayers to all friends

Yours
C. A. Gates

Dear Dr. Barton

I send you the enclosed that you may understand just where Dr. Gates stands & I think Dr. Barnum. As I have expressed opinion to you so plainly on this subject I hardly need do so again to say I am more & more convinced the position of D.D.s on / 2. is wrong in our present conditions this ideally perfectly sound & thing we all desire

Dr Gates is nearly at the end of his tether & cannot endure much more. Possibly this coming summer surely summer following he must leave for U.S. He must remain one year and possibly more. Picture situation here then! Dr Barnum cannot do much more active mental work. MacTrafe is carrying all we can safely transfer to him please remember

I am simply in despair as to my inability to get round to my work & I is suggested rather coolly, tho I has drafted it for two years, my part from the course to have much reliability & efficiency, & so complete solidarity of Ho in educational work whereas now we have about one seventh of the time workers. I hate to disagree with my brethren but they persist in taking indefensible position & you are dead sure you are right what else can do? In one word my position is this. Harpoot should open a first c "Station Class" to provide helpers for our towns & villages & send our college graduates either to Marash or Mardin. Otherwise we need immediately, possibly, two missionaries, four teachers entirely for the Seminary & College!! —

Sincerely Jas. L. Browne

Rev. J. R. Browne

Diarbekir Feb. 11th 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

It is fifteen (15) weeks to-morrow since we entered this city and yesterday completed twelve weeks of continuous daily prayer meetings. As you know, we have been on the point of leaving this work several times, not because it did not appear more & more hopeful week by week but simply because of the clamorous calls of the work elsewhere.

Every time we delayed leaving we soon saw abundant reasons to feel assured we had understood the voice of God. Let me add one or two reasons to those already sent you.

On sabbath Feb. 3 the joint committee of church & parish had two sittings to settle, if possible, the ten years bitter estrangement of two of the most prominent men of this church. The grace & Spirit of God had healed all others, this had defied best efforts & prayers of all the friends of both parties.

If there is something fearful to see conflict of pride, bitter sense of wrong, desire to have once "rights" vindicated & determination to see once enemy humbled on the one side, and the grace & spirit of Him who was meek & lowly in heart on the other, it is equally blessed to see the latter break barrier after barrier & let the long frozen feel up emotions burst forth

Both committees were melted by the beautiful reconciliation & tearfully united with both parties and with the entire church in entreating us to stay "just one week more" & have still another Communion

We simply could not feel it right to stand out against such a universal desire so we gave them one more week of meetings.

These were the fullest, sweetest and gracious of all those of the twelve weeks & most fruitful

So I have said there has been nothing like a Revival, no means or methods have been used to secure a quickening save in the church itself

Yet silently gently copiously the Spirit has descended like dew upon Israel and upon whole people & lo, a blessing for spending one hour.

Yesterday Feb. 10, after a most affecting final prayer meeting we received into the church sixty (60) new members on confession. There was hardly one family in the congregation who was not represented among those standing in three semi circles around the pulpit.

From one family there were five adults two of them being father and son; in another family, father & daughter, & among others were five husbands & wives. Some were received fr. the Gregorian Catholic & Syrian Churches which one was until recently, a blatant infidel.

When we stop to consider what the condition of this church was a few months since, how even among the most faithful, the conviction had become settled that the situation was remediless; when we remember too with shame, that on finding what was the condition of things we wished to get away as soon as possible, we exclaim in contrition & humility, "This is the Lords doing & is marvellous in our eyes."

Yours in the love of the Gospel

Jno. K Brown.

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Harpoot, Eastern Turkey
May 16th 1904

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Your circular letter, dated April 8th asking for new data and facts relative to a possible enlargement of our work was received by last post. It has engaged our attention twice and last eve, with most of the voting members of the station present. We came to the conclusions indicated by the figures in the margin of your circular which you will find enclosed, to which we wish ~~we wish~~ to add a few words of explanation.

In the Annual Report of the A.B.C.F.M. for 1896 on page 64 it is stated that the contributions of ~~the~~ churches + communities amount to nearly three times the aid received from the Board. This indicates how this field has responded to our efforts to train them in the apostolic principle of self support and how carefully we have limited our work to our resources of men + money. Your circular now asks us to ignore present limitations and invites us to indicate what work could be enlarged, + what new lines could be profitably opened had we corresponding means.

Our estimates hereby presented are on a most conservative basis.

Native Helpers

Our answer to 1st question means for expenses of reopening our Theol. Sem., partial support of a class (+ teachers) of 8-12 students; also for means to help support a Bible Training Class and ~~not less~~, a Training ~~Sch.~~ for Bible Women + Colporteurs.

Education.

1st answer here represents the urging need of the regions outside our Protestant communities. These schools would furnish fruitful means of introducing the Gospel leaven into the old Gregorian communities who were entirely willing such schools should be conducted as our own, debarring us from the use of no means wh. render them an evangelistic agency.

Our limitations along these lines of distinctively new, aggressive work are perhaps the most painful not to say disastrous hindrances to a steady advance of the Kingdom throughout the E. I. M.

Building

Last our answers to the questions under this head should seem to represent excessive sums, let me say these sums represent the careful estimates of those who know the resources of all our churches & communities & those show the aid necessary from the Board in order to supplement the liberal sums they stand ready to contribute.

Again, the large number of chapels and schools now necessary and for lack of which, in so many places, our work is seriously crippled represent by no means the normal state of these communities but only their handicapped condition since the terrible events of 1895.

The fact that for many years this station has had an utterly inadequate force & the the consequent poor health of so many of our circle, requiring them to leave the present year, together with the presence of over a thousand pupils & nearly as many orphans emphasizes the need for efforts not only of a physician but of a thoroughly furnished hospital as well, and, necessarily, of a missionary residence for him.

Missionaries

Here our answers are directed to this point: "satisfactorily superintend."
Our new missionary is necessary for the general work of the station and one to reinforce our inadequate teaching force. Two tutors are most essential to the teaching force and spiritual influence of the college while, if possible, we need one more entire strength to be devoted to the accounts of station, schools, and orphanage and if he had experience & time, we need ~~him~~ or another to direct our growing Industrial Work
With this Orphan Work already taking so much missionary time & strength & steadily demanding more & more, especially the Industrial Department surely our answers here also cannot be regarded extravagant.

Stations

The answers to the first question were not unanimous. Present conditions at least seem to ~~some~~, especially to the teaching missionaries to incline them to answer favorably the repeated & urgent requests of one of our large cities that a missionary family live there half of the year
This station & mission have hitherto been strongly opposed to dividing our forces, but prefer to carry on all our work from one common center.
Our estimates are made on the supposition a new station were found which would require at least two additional families & double houses.

Miscellaneous

This seemed to us a moderate sum for a small Dispensary & Physician for a few years when doubtless the hospital & would be self supporting
Bidding a hearty God speed to all workers & prayers for your noble "Twentieth Century Fund" – On behalf of the station, John E. Browne.

Rev. J. K. Browne,
Harpoot, May 16, 1901

Answers to Prest Capen's Inquiries

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Custom Tariff

no 46

BUILDING

How much is needed for new buildings?

How many new church buildings are needed and cost? 14 Chapels, Cost 1275 £

School Buildings? 7 Cost 850 £ Hospitals? £1000

Missionary Houses? 1 £500 Other buildings?

LITERATURE

How much is needed for Christian literature?

Periodical?

General?

How many new readers could thus be reached and others helped?

MISSIONARIES

How many new missionaries are needed at once to satisfactorily superintend and direct the work of your station?

Families? Two

Single men? two tutors Business agent

Single women? Two teachers, three for orphans.

Additional salary needed for these? £ 850
75
925

STATIONS

Within the limits of your station should a new station be opened for the best interests of the work?

How much money would be needed for this at once? 1500 £ 300 £ per year

How many new people would such a new station reach? 20,000

MISCELLANEOUS

How much is needed additional for medical work? £225 yearly

How many people would be helped by this enlargement?

How much is needed to establish new industrial plants or better equip old ones? Industrial Bldg. for College. " " Orphans — £1500

How many people would be directly benefited by this enlargement? 1500 Orphans & students gain a trade the land gains in-creases —

Any other immediate need in your station which ought to be met now?

And at what cost?

In order to make it possible to secure this larger giving, we feel that it is important that we should have in our possession the latest facts, so that at the proper time, we may be able to use them with the force that comes from such definite data.

With this purpose in mind, will you kindly advise us as soon as it is possible for you to do so, how much money is needed in your mission station to support the work which is not now adequately supported by the regular appropriations of the Committee and to open new lines of work which ought to be taken up. We ask, therefore, your answer to the following questions as definitely as it is possible for you to give them. Of course it is understood that your replies can only be an estimate.

In the large stations where more than one family lives, it is expected that the answers will be given only after full discussion and consideration. Please mark in the margins by the numerals, 1-2-3- etc., the degree of importance among the things in your estimate.

NATIVE HELPERS

How much additional money is needed for the support of pastors, preachers, evangelists, Bible readers and catechists? 200 £ yearly for 3-6 yrs

How many persons would this provide? 20

To how many more congregations and people than now would the Gospel thus be preached? 2000

EDUCATION

How much additional is needed for the support of schools? 100 £ yearly

How many new schools would this open? 10

How many new teachers would be employed? 10

How many additional children would thus be given a Christian education? 400-500

Harpoot May 29th 1902

Rev. Charles H. Daniels, D.D.

Dear Dr. Daniels

You may possibly remember that some two years since you wrote to me, or it may have been Dr. ~~Daniels~~ Barton, about my having been adopted-partly-, by the "Old South Church" Andover as "their missionary".

I said at the time I could not engage to keep up a separate correspondence with them but, if necessary, would try to write them occasionally and asked if my letters to the Rooms could not be copied there & sent up to them. The response from the Rooms was in the affirmative.

Mr Shipman wrote me one brief note announcing the fact of my connection with his church and I do not remember that he has ever written me a note since.

His church, thus auspicated, never has written me a letter from the first.

Twice I have written to Dr. B. asking if there was any such connection still existing and he has forgotten, probably, to answer.
I think I have written to Mr Shipman also but I have received no reply from him also.
I will try one more and then give it up.

If I mistake not – the idea of connecting churches with individual missionaries is much favored by you, – and at the Rooms so I will express no opinion upon it as it not necessary. My purpose is to know whether I am one of those favored missionaries or not in the case of Andover, and if so, what am I bound to do by to satisfy your and their sense of fitness.

Assuming, for the moment, I am free from any claims from Andover – then I would like to call your attention to the following fact. In the Missionary Herald for May 1901 on page 213, under Donations you can see, under Mass and Boston as follows.

"2nd Church Dorchester toward support of Rev. J. K. Browne $101.75" Now does this mean they wished that contribution to be reckoned on my salary simply because they knew me, (I have spoken more than once there & know some of their best members) or is this an indication that they desire to establish some more or less permanent relation i.e. make me acting, their representative at the front? I have dropped a few lines to day to Dr. Little, but thought afterwards, it was hardly so model a thing as to write to you first. I am free to confess, under the sacred seal of the confessional, that I do not crave any such arrangement, but I am not one to play with a duty, if it be such, and will try to write regularly to them, if necessary. They might enjoy hearing my last "Harpers Statistic Annual Report" now with Dr. Strong.

Mrs. Browne unites in most cordial regards to Mrs. D. & yourself, and believe me ever

Yours faithfully, John K. Browne

Rev. J. K. Brown

Kearpost Turkey

May 29, 1901

Harpoot Mon. A.M. July 15

Dear Parents All.

We are having a lovely summer this to day is hot as was yesterday also. Karam conducted Communion here yesterday, both churches participating, thus being a blessed season.

I am happy to be able to say K seems much changed, or is it I, or both? I have had one most painful interview with him, in wh he sought to show the sense my visit to Egin in 96 with Mrs Harris. I had used every means & all my influence with my brethren, to hurt him and thwart all his plans.

Since then, I have treated him with uniform kindness, he & wife have dined with us - to show he had forgiven me! and he seems changed, very much.

Our meetings with pastors & preachers last week with two exceptions were excellent & profitable

K. was persuaded to change the program I sent last week, to the following general one:

9-10 Prayer Meeting (in College recitation room)
10-11 Scripture Reading, Communals and prayers.

11-12 Some Spiritual Theme with Prayer

Intermission for two hours & refreshments

2-3 Prayer Meeting

3-4 Subject for Discussion

4-5 Some Spiritual Duty - Need &c &c

Taorm seems far more truly spiritual than formerly and spirit of all was admirable Mr Ehman attended most of the meetings and led two or three most acceptably. Making allowance for certain peculiar views, I think his influence on our preachers has proved so fruitful of good. I can overlook these things. He lunched with us twice during week

All preachers lunched with Tinikejian and breakfasted ~~lunched~~ with Malyan - "Aghd" We voted them 3£ for their "expenses" for meetings.

This week general meetings are in reverse order from last week, viz: 5 A.M. Prayer meetings on this side and 7 P.M. meetings on other side. Possibly preachers may come towards the close of this week

Next sabbath, D.V. will be the "Great Day of Feast" for on that day we hope to have here - yes - at last

a Triple Ordination, that of Baron Torres, Baron Dantas & Bar Bedoc - of Pechory (Mr Ehman's man & factotum) All three men seem quite "fit" & more spiritual than I have ever seen them.

We expect their examination to be Sat. P.M. Only 20 if satisfactory - / Ordinations / next 2 o'clock A.M. Where? We have no room the w'd begin to hold / crowds, so we have decided to have it - early - on the terrace behind the college building - formerly the grave yard, - wh till 9 A.M. is in the shade.

I have suggested having some representative priest - and Mr. Ehman and one of college Professors take part wh. I think will be carried out - I will send you a program when settled in wh. you will see the "hand" of God only. It was hard to find a "part" for all & to exclude all jealousy.

I am trying to take advantage of present friendly relations of Gregorians. I wished also to connect ~~identify~~ the College with our Ev. work, teaching & preaching.

You see we are not having altogether an idle summer & are looking forward with great hope to / coming of / E.E. before the of / next recess in / fall

The weather is extremely warm but our meetings continue interesting & earnest. Dr Gleb to day again to morrow. Armina does not seem interested. He is doing all in his power to hold on the lower grounds tho he has given his voice to go to H. He is even willing to divide the church & play on the old Campbellian party I grieve to say he is steadily falling in our esteem. I fear of many others here.

Bro A. of Peri came to day. He persuaded to stay about all summer. Oh dear, oh dear!

We may reconsider the old "Union" matter much but I dare not promise. I would prefer to see a wholly new one formed if practicable. The Lord guide us aright.

Dear Sis B. That was simply a beautiful letter fr. your own dear hand & we thank you for every word. Likewise for your bro. B. & Emma. We still cling to hope Henry Barnum will come. Our new Dr. is coming indefinitely because of a span. in French. L. & I are feeling much better.

With constant love & prayer I am ever yours.

Harpswell Jan 3rd 1912

Mr. Barton

I have just been notified that the sum of $500 be paid to you in full of indemnity on account of your claim against the Government for loss of personal property.

A voucher for the above sum will be forwarded in a few days for your signature.

This is indeed a "God send" & most grateful to Lila & I for the help towards the educational expenses of the five, coming on dear Mr. Wiggin has claims on some $2500. (reduced from $3000 & you know why) & perhaps he will be merciful.

I have just notified Mr. Geo. F. Kendall Cambridge & he will consult with you in this. He is fully empowered to act for me & must act for me — You will see Alice in a few days & share with me my great disappointment.

My most blessed New Year to you & Mrs B. for our household. Most gratefully

Geo. H. Browne

I take it that Mr. Kendall is the man to employ & I will write him about the claim & inform him of your decision.

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Harpoot, Jan. 8. 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Mr. Browne came home from Peri, spent two days, & then went to Habousie. He left this letter for me to send to you, & I will enclose his last from Peri. After reading please send to Alice.

Mr. Browne is in no condition to do this teaching work, but plans to keep it up through this winter though it is simply grit and endurance that enable him to do it.

Dr. Norton & Mr. Knapp plan to start for Diarbekir next week.

I sent Mrs. Barton a letter last week, enclosing two, I think from Peri. Congratulations on your return.

As ever — L. H. Browne.

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Revd James L. Barton D.D.

My Dear Dr. Barton

I am on the point of starting on our third tour, but your right welcome letter of Dec. 26, greatly delayed, has just been handed to me so I sit right down to answer.

Once more I, we, & E. T. M. welcome you back, most heartily, to your great place in our work & in our hearts - tho I need not say it.

Yes, we, Dr. B. and I received yours & Mrs. Barton's letter written on the Red Sea, so of course their reception marked a "red letter day" for us and our circle. I sent them on to Mardin.

I sent you a brief note lately respecting my share $2500. of Harpoot Indemnity. This was cut down from $3000. + and, beside, we have lost our hoped for interest for six years. Now if Mr Wiggin cuts into this remnant - - -

Mr Knapp is as delighted as astonished as are we that he & his mother are to receive $1000. + 5000. as their share. So Dr Raynolds also.

Whatever finally falls to us folkes have passed over to Mr. Geo. Fred. Kendall who manages my affairs, you know.

I will write and send that letter to St. Paul by next week mail D.V. You were quite right in surmising (Harpoot) Simon Hodakegh entirely self supporting. But I shall show that H. is the church and hunter of work for five Arm. villages for we the ch. + pastor are responsible for developing &c. &c. + we are willing the ch in St. Paul regard the region as their special mission &c. &c.

I have been dreading your interview with Alice but I insisted on her telling you as soon as possible. You were most kind and considerate with her & I thank you. This is the third and by far the hardest disappointment she has given me in thwarting my dearest plans and yours.

Of course there is nothing morally wrong, and it might have been infinitely worse, still my heart is very sore over it & most unreconciled tho I may be wrong in feeling so.

If there is anything that can take away the sting & make me almost glad, it would be to hear of Mr. & Mrs W. being sent to Marsovan! For I have almost no hope of their being sent to fill our places here as you know I cannot hold on much longer, even with all my grit.

Would it be a sweet revenge to lick that cub into shape & make him a first class touring mice. & what a delight to our Alice & her mama!

Mr Cary & especially Mrs. Cary say very plainly he is not to be a touring missionary. I am inclined to accept their dictum.

You know as no one at the Rooms does, the necessary qualifications for a good tourist. I hear good things of Williams. Now he has the makings of a good tourist, preacher, level headedness &c.

Then turn him over to us, let them come right in & take our house and place & work & we will drop out as willingly and even say "God willed it" Let Gates look him over first or there would be trouble. Then Alice could work more or less in the College (& Sem?) I think all Harpoot circle would like such an arrangement. May only Fate & Mr W. may have set his heart on other plans. (Forgive

have never hinted the possibility of such a thing to Alice as I fear she would go quite wild with delight — If practicable and desirable her "second father" will do this

To day we have sent around the Mission a vote for Annual Meeting at Harpoot on or about July 12, as there seemed no hope of having one anywhere else this year

The question of the division of the E. T. M. seems to me too wild not to say absurd to try to reason about it We all voted for it lest we should be misunderstood, but I added to mine "because I am sure it will not be approved at the Rooms. Dr Vachir seems to be a decided "sore head" in our Mission. We receive very few communications also from Erzroom. The earthquake will greatly improve their chances for a big appropriation

We need an Annual M. if ever this year, I think

But my horse thinks I have forgotten him & Perchong. How I would enjoy your coming with me to spend the sabbath at least. Shall I ever have this pleasure here or in the U. S.?

Congratulations heartily & deep the Mora R. returns so well.

With warmest love to her, yourself & the children for us all

Yours in the fellowship of the Gospel

John C. Browne.

Harpoot, Feb. 1st, 1902

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Diarbekir Mar 19 - 1902

Dear Leila & Harport.

Mr Andree lunched with us again Saturday, then went to Cattistal & on to Mardin. Bro. Thomas went with him Erzeroom to say.

Our callers so continue we have not yet been able to visit either ours or the Greg. schools

We had a pleasant call last eve on the Shepard household, wh. consists of Dr. & Mrs. S., Miss Hodge, Dr. S.'s druggist, and his Asst. the latter a son of Prof Bergian of Aintab Col.

They seem much interested in the work here & join the people in asking us to remain here "at least next winter". They believe in having missionary families scattered, as in their field, not all in one place as at Harport.

Suppose we should try it next winter?

No prettier baby than Lawrie's have I seen for many a day & it would warm your hearts to see the pride of the happy parents. I just had to steal Phillips Brooks words, Thursd.

March 20

Of a Karaghunni Boroyan the Ep. says he lacks force & spirituality & so is not working with or leading the Y.M.

He came rather under the influence of Avedis Nahigian, his uncle, who is not a christian, I fear. This, if true, hardly recommends him, for the Theol. Sem. I will look into this.

The schools appear better than those of last year & the Sch. Com. also are superior to others.

Stepan Eff., their Chairman, has a new boy of wh he seems tremendously proud.

I have had a conference with the unitied Committee & they wait for more definite news fr. Dr. R as to the coming, terms, & of that Marsovan man, before definite action.

Shemas Tomas & family have come twice with Bro. Caspar & family, to Lord's Sup., / first time we were at Dr. L's. They live very far away.

We had a full prayer meeting last eve, tho they say / average attendance is 10-12-15!!

Seems to me I never so much as this year saw / force of Ps words, - "as sheep without a shepherd".

They urge us plead harder than ever, necessity of our being here for Armenians, but not here for Koordish work of this surrounding region.

Friday March 21

Yesterday we visited the Gregorian Schools wh. also appeared better than last year. Our orphans being sent there has given schools, for greater prestige & value among their own supporters. If we withdraw our orphans this summer I think they will be willing to unite at least, their Girls Schools with ours.

Bedros Eff. and wife, Elmas, seem to control everything. They have a superior class of teachers, such as I have never seen here before.

Just as I was starting for Pastor Haggis dinner the eight members of the Ch Committee came to see me. They had called, one or more times, individually, now "as a Committee", wh is D. may, you know, "to express" & &c &c, & "to urgently request" & &c &c. You know it all.

So I suppose we shall be here next week at least & with daily meetings. Three of them made earnest prayers asking God's spiritual blessing on our visit & work.

We seem to have slipped right into our old pla
in their hearts judging fr their calls and wer
especially their attendance. They seem so hungry

At last we's dinner were Dr. & Mrs. S. & Mrs.
Hodge, Dr. & two waits, Dr Kaabe, Stephen Eq.
served a la Franc - by Saitis,
C. & I. It was a notable dinner & we did no
get home until nearly eleven. This eve there
will be a Masquerade at Dr. Kaabe's where
will be a piano & other instruments refreshm

It is "Bairam" for four days & the sunsets
at night are wonderfully beautiful just great
crowns of light. To day is our first bright day
having come & it seems very spring like.

We saw the storks on this B. plain when co
& it seemed most unnaturally to us these
harbingers of spring stalking over snow covered
fields. Birds are multitudinous here & the
morn I did think I was in an aviary. x-x

To night we have had a refreshment of soul in fo
playing & singing. As we did not retire last
till nearly eleven we came away early say 9½
There were chess & other games but I was just
Tolerably
you know

Sabbath March 23

We did hope we might get the post on Friday, as I came then last week, but on account of our being here 2 it would come on Sat. but we did not see it all day probably because of Bairam

Capt & Mrs. Anderson called in state on Sat. PM. & chatted a full hour quite "charming". C. seems quite to have lost her heart to Capt A. & certainly is one of pleasantest Englishmen I have ever met. They seem very fond of each other & have a most delightful home for a H. B. M. Consul in this country! They send over their papers &c & try to make us "feel at home" here.

Mrs. A. is fair, after she had raised her veil looked - well, as if there had been a domestic drama, wh Capt. A. declared had been "fought to a finish" & he had come off without a scratch!

Dr. S. had been removing moles &c for Mrs. A. & fancied she had kept him for calling earlier.

On returning for my third meeting to day, I found your fat package of letters. For C. had to go to Lab. Sch. so I devoured them alone & gorged myself

but when she returned we read them together, tho she had read them alone as I had. Feasting together our finds gives a new relish to choicest food.

Thank you each one: Dr. Mera. & Miss Barnum, Harriet Thurza & Mariam, Mrs K & Hannah B. & for other letters cont. Found the votes now to Mardin this week with our affirmative votes.

That milk quake was a windfall, so to speak, to Erzroom & their rebuilding projects.

Why cant some of the rest of us be "captured" & "released" & get a little fame, and $10 000.!

What a trump-card Miss S. will be in hands of the W.B.M. managers! I doubt if she returns.

Now as to our services here today. I have seldom seen this great church so filled. So the sexton told me at gate. I spoke on Heb 2.3 the divisions being, naturally I "So great salvation" II "Escape" – III "Neglect". It spoke itself you see & they gave close attention. Dr Knaak was present to understanding nothing but none of the Shepards.

At 12 M. I had a meeting with Y.M.C.A. which has been given up. Over 100 were present, but neither of

the male teachers Harootunian & Arsen. Infact they were not at the morning service. They confine their efforts entirely to school. I begrudge my investment in Harootune. Their H.H.C. hunger for leading.

At 1^30 came another "Ch. Members Meeting" as Bad. H. said, say 600, If there were 1000+ at Adk meeting, there were 300+ at this, - ch. down stairs being filled

After I left there, they decided (new. con.) to have daily meetings - as long as we remain - wh. some dare to hope, - for how long - may be till Easter

You would hardly judge from above, what is really fact, that this church, spiritually is extremely cold, hardly a person praying, was in prayer meeting! All confess & some deplore their pitiful condition My heart aches for them.

So you see we are here for present How can we leave them then? Is there greater need anywhere? Delegations of men came again yesterday, yes. & of women, begging us not to leave them so needy & hungry. We try to follow God's plain leading day by day & we are sure of His loving favor as we seek to follow & do His holy will.

Tuesday Mar. 2:

At the prayer meeting last eve at 4 P.M. there were 250+ had my few pray "The evil the men do live after them" as well as the good & Lord Bless Thomas & Dorajiani's lack of training time ch to work or even to pray - in all my efforts to

Last eve we went out to our last "fun" I hope I have told the pastor & wife they are not let any one invite us to dinner & as visit here must be short & full of work.

We escaped a call for all the Eng. Sch. Com by dining last eve with the Shepards.

Dr. S's work steadily increases. He performed eye operations yesterday. He proposes invite Dr. Dewey here for the operations, let him defer it until next fall as planned

Dr. S. proposes that during their 3 mo sojourn in Hartford this summer they live with the missionaries so M. Mrs S. may. How about our miss. families? There is prospect of a quiet useful summer for the Ithaca Lily tour or retire to "the wilderness." Hope

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Rev. G. K. Browne,

Malatia, May 13th 1902

Rev. Lyman E. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

I found yours of March 11, on arriving at Harpoot from our recent tour of five weeks to Diarbekir. It was an intuition, on leaving H., to revisit Cordilan but, for a number of reasons, seemed quite impracticable, so we spent the entire time working in the city and we feel sure it was time & strength well spent.

We found the fruits of last year's work ripening and proving a blessing to the ch. community. We did not find one of the sixty new members received at that time any source of anxiety. In general, the church was in a remarkably hopeful condition considering its past history and the fact they have no leader or preacher, but their sole & most unsatisfactory pulpit supply is from their own membership.

While there, learning that Bro. Kavin, decidedly against the missionaries' wishes, had left Chaonkoch & settled down in Harpoot the D. ch. wrote him an earnest invitation to come to D., paying 4 £ salary besides all his travelling expenses, home that vacation &c.

But his heart is bent on becoming an "evangelist", & as he had secured his salary for a year from friends, he declined this call.

So for D. is again left almost hopeless.

For a year & more I have been trying to find an opening for Bro. Hagopian Andonian so he could leave D. for his own good & theirs.

Mr Knapp has called him to Harpoot to "take the general oversight of the orphan work", a work for which he is admirably fitted. It will be a great relief to Mr. K. & perhaps to D. work.

I do hope we may soon be relieved of this orphan work which absorbs the time, strength and entire service of so many at Harpoot & elsewhere. Mrs. Brownie's inclination in its operations is unmanageable, partly at least, for her need of change & rest.

We left D. the week before Easter, tho very unwillingly. The people in Committee individually protested & urged & begged in vain, because Mrs. Dr. Shepard & her companion, Miss Hodges must have an escort to Harput & Malatia on their way to Aintab & as soon as practicable.

So we accompanied them to H. & after staying five days brought them on here & put them on their way last Monday A.M. May 5th to Aintab, where we hope they arrived safely Sat. eve. having entrusted them, with a Zablich, to our faithful Bismuhan brother.

This is our second week here and if it were not for the schools we should find little to encourage. While this aged pastor lives I have no hope of any hopeful change

Thanks to Aintab College, we have at last succeeded in obtaining a teacher worthy that name. We have not another such outside Harput.

We are still hoping, against hope, that we may secure some we may not be ashamed of from these graduating classes I shall try hard that these teachers may remain another year.

The most notable thing about this Aintab teacher is that he is a christian & so we have flourishing Yelb. Society here once more, as we have in no place outside of Harpoot.

Yesterday at their regular weekly meeting were not less than 100 Yelb. & boys - & 50 - women. Before their regular religious meeting they have a talk or lecture by a young son of our former Ashabed Hampartsoum Agha, now the principal brother here.

Last year, I was compelled to take the entire management of the schools out of the hands of the pastor & brethren and send to Aintab for a decent teacher. Now the result is so evident to the dullest there will be no more trouble. But was we have a humiliating necessity to go outside our field for a good teacher!

I find D. wishing their teacher for A., tho' the tide is turning. Let me add in fact I hear only praises this year of the general spiritual condition & management of coll.

The above mentioned with the pastor & other brethren, and special solicitude.

JUN 20 1902

Sivas May 19th 1902

Dear Dr. & Mrs Barton

Leila reached me at Malatia at the time expected & we came on here, arriving on Satd. May 17, in four days, the last two with heavy showers, cold, tho we were quite comfortable, still it is hardly like Pulman Car service!

To my surprise Leila has steadily improved. Her violent & almost constant head aches are decreasing, her spirits reviving & her appetite, & already the change is having an excellent effect in every way. Mr Coffelan had been to bear Harold here in charge of Mrs. Hubbard, & return, with L., at once to Harpoot.

I find L. has set her heart on going with H. on to Marsovan & committing him there to Mr Getchell who is soon to return to the U. S.

For serious reasons Mrs. H. cannot bear here, as planned, so this entirely changes our plans & necessitates one of us at least going to Marsovan. Miss Brewer's condition renders it most

uncertain when Mrs. H. can leave here and when she does go I fear her hands will be more than full in caring for Miss Brown & her own two children Hence, as it is utterly out of the question to commit Mr. H. to an arabaje to take on to M. for reasons any sojourner in this awful land knows only too well there seems no other way but for us to prolong our journey to M.

This disturbs me much for I have been needed at H., as no one else can prepare the Tab. Views Annual Report and the time has passed already. But this prolongation of our absence is thus no fault of ours & seems plainly God's will I had hoped to pay all the expenses of Harold's journey as far as here, possibly as far as Samoan but fear I this increased amount from going to Samoan. I must share with the Board. I have been warmly invited by the Y.M.C.A. of Tocal, where I worked two years ago when I brought on here Miss Ellsworth, to have a week's meetings with them.

This request is strongly urged by the missionaries here. There too may be God's call. I do not as much as before 26 weeks of almost daily meetings still if Jennie will as usual I hope I could do good there and so could wait there for Lilias return from Morocco, stay over the sabbath here and reach Harpoot the next Saturday night - D.V. mingling some service with our pleasure trip.

As I never take any vacation - not a day, summers, and as the coming summer promises to be an unusually hard one it would seem as if the above were the wisest, on the whole most practicable plan.

They work a man hard here even on the sabbath. They have a new pastor here, graduate of Harpoot & Marash a capital man doing capital work. I wish we had half a dozen such. They have three first class teachers here for Aintab the giving them enormous salaries as are those of their pastors as well.

However, I have never seen the work here in the Sivas field especially here in the city, in so hopeful a state, with the exception of the Girls School.

Leila brought along yours & Mrs Bartlett's letter about your efforts to secure Harold's place in Brookline. When I remembered I paid less than $2.00 a week for board all thro' Harvard (boarding myself) $5.00 a week just for board did at first seem rather much. But I am convinced it will pay to secure for him such a home & we gladly accept the conditions which if can be secured & we desire to express still more gratefully, our obligations to you both.

If God will graciously continue my strength for a few years more of service, until the burden of the children's education lightens somewhat I shall be exceedingly grateful & have no fears for my own old age.

I received your note of April 11. (Harold's 13th birth day. I will write at once to Mrs. Tracy of Wilton N.H. acknowledging her memorial gift of $15.25 for the Third. Sem. I think she is the wife, or widow, of an Andover class mate.

Perhaps Mrs B. will add something. Accept our most warm & grateful love & with Harold's to your children

As ever yrs, Jno. K. Browne

Coming now to your right welcome letter of March 11 I wish to thank you for your careful reference to the settlement of the Indemnity From beginning to end it has proved a annoyance to you there at the Course and sadly loss to the parties concerned I believe it now being settled there tho I have no notice.

As you can well believe the fact of my action being cut down $501.00 is rather painful, tho you do not refer to it in your letter.

Mr Geo. F Kendall's "Account of Expenditure for 91" shows he has drawn fr. the Board, that year, for my children's account, only $249. instead of 250. X3 = $750. as I requested him to do.

What became of the other $500. he does not tell. Was this retained to pay Lilias expenses returning here?

In regard to Alice, you are most emphatic in your judgement of what must to you also, prove a keen disappointment. I suppose the only thing is to accept the inevitable and hope if out of it God may bring a blessing now hidden.

I am, strange to say, devoutly sorry that the indications are that there will be no Annual Meeting this year again tho I voted & talked for it. only I would not promise to go to Van as the w.d. take too much time fr. our work & for other weighty reasons. There is no question the Mission needs one, badly, but our brethren at V. seem to think it must be at Van or no where. It their turn, doubtless, but one might waive that, for good reasons.

We shall miss Dewey who in spite of certain peculiarities was a valuable member of the Mission & of unusual sound judgment.

May the Lord — and the surgeons — deal tenderly with him, & spare him to us all for prolonged, ripe fruitful service.

Our plans for a "Third Class" or Summer School are of the simplest & rather unsettled.

We are hoping to get together 10-12 preachers & teachers & colporteurs like Ipolstoffe & Sarnik of varying education, some having very little, much like our first Theol. classes, —

and all of us getting down, together, at the Master's feet pray Him to make us better tools in His hands

They have all been working, most of them preaching. Sending them out again for the winter we will follow up our instruction - in their different fields, much like Squire in famous Dotheboys Hall school!

We could not call them in which the College was in session. Immediately after the grand "Graduation Exercises of Euphrates College", we can find some place for our unpretentious little class of christian workers without fear of obtrusion or ridicule During the summer we can find some suitable place so as to be out of the way when the College reopens.

I have no hope that any of the present 17 seniors or of recent graduates will come to enter or form any regular class, tho Dr. B. knows far better.

I did not know there was the least thought of building this year, certainly not a Theol. Sem. building

It would be indeed refreshing to have one year unhindered, undisturbed by various building processes

Since last letter Fr. H. announced that you had secured for Harold a home in Brookline. We give you our hearts best & deepest thanks for now at last our minds are at peace. I have almost no details but I am sure it is a good place & its location is ideal. Compared with the expense for the other for Editha, where Theresa's board here meets Editha's there, it does seem rather high, but we must just stiffen up & be extremely grateful that he is so finely provided for, thanks to you. I am sure it is an immense relief to L. & I do hope it may prove Harold's great gain in the matter of education & I hope for the best in every respect. May the God of the fatherless or who are such motherless, for Christ's sake, reward you richly.

I suspect Mrs B. shared this labor with you & may she ~~take~~ have share of our love & gratitude also.

Leila & Harold arrive to morrow & Wednesday & we all go on to Vivac. Most gratefully Yours.

Jno. K. Browne.

Please regard this letter as only for your two selves. Love I have written too frankly for others to read, & I shall be mortified if it is. Sincerely I have written to you simply as we used to talk.

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Harpoot June 25th 1902

Dear Dr. Barton

Herewith please find enclosed our Tabular View & Annual Report. I have finished both under so much difficulties that if you knew how much, you would readily forgive their laxness of appearance. I had hoped my brethren would relieve me of this, but they felt they could not, so I did it amid constant pain & interruptions, at the earliest moment I have ever been so late & I am quite sure I shall never be so late again.

In other words, I fear this is my last Annual Report. That, however, as God wills. This Report gives my back-door conviction of the defects & excellences of our work as in God's sight faithfully & truly. Perhaps Dr. Strong may wish to use parts of it, as I can write no more this year. Faithfully & In His Name

Jno. N. Browne

Rev. J. H. Brown

Harpoot June 25, 1902

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Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

To day the southern post from Baghdad I brought your letter of 7/24/02. I had not heard from you for some time and was especially anxious to know of the arrival of my An. Report and accompanying Est. View. Of the latter you say nothing but as this went in the same envelope with the Report I assume that also was received.

You kindly allude to my expression of doubt as to my being able to continue my service here much longer. I think I have alluded to this possibility for two or three years, gradually more and more plainly, for the double purpose of your seeing its approaching necessity and of your providing in time, a carefully selected man to be in training for my place.

Believe me, no one can dislike more than I to allude to my physical condition or make it a matter of speculation or discussion. But I am persuaded it is a plain duty that you should know the fact however unwelcome to you as it is painful to me.

Were Dr. Gates returning this fall, I think Mrs B. + I would now be on our way home at least as far as Marsovan, and probably to America. I hope I am not allowing my profound sympathy for Dr B. + Emma + the great claims of the work here to overweigh my judgment by remaining too long. Anyway I feel we ought to return next summer unless I feel very differently if I can physically

I am far from unmindful of the fact that, if my health be sufficiently restored to work, I cannot expect the Board to furnish me, and if you without saying, I would not accept its help without working for it. I know, too, that its extremely improbable I could secure a suitable parish, "a broken down missionary of 60+, and an old-fashioned conservative" at that, and I could do no other work now. Least of all do I forget that my present salary of £150, and the Board's present grants of $250 × 3 = $750 would cease with my leaving Harpoot, and, on the other hand, I know only too well the heavy expense, steadily increasing too, of our numerous family, all at school and all, more or less dependant on me. All this I know, Dr. B., perfectly well, and allude to it simply to show that even pecuniary considerations alone, if there were none infinitely greater, would induce me to remain where I have a certain however limited income, rather than go where the prospect of even a decent income is uncertain, if not improbable.

Hence, you may be sure you know the painful necessity of my return, and that I shall not come until I feel obliged to do so. The reason you intimate: "It is hard for you and Mrs. B. to be left there without chick or child", is, as Mrs. Barton would testify, one we cannot deny, but one which Leila felt more keenly than I.

Even if I should not decide to return next year I hope L. will go, as she cannot endure this separation much longer. But I could steel my heart a few years longer if my reason for returning were home sickness.

Of course I do not like to be spoken of as "broken down", &c, &c, so, tho I do not refer to this again, you, & all here, know the fundamental reason.

"I would very much like to hear from you in regard to the new missionaries," - you write. You wrote the same in regard to Dr. U. and I wrote, but I hate to. I would prefer to do anything more than this, and I am sure you have already heard much from our "Nestor."

I was amused at your discounting or at least anticipating my judgement concerning them by saying: "Do not forget that the first few years of every new missionary are years of training. We cannot send out men full fledged and ready for the work. Just bear in mind the amount of training you (and I(?)) required." &c.

The memory of my early training - I should call it discipline - here is not necessary to make me full of charitable judgements for men newly come to the same station. Possibly, inevitably, I have imbibed this same Harport spirit of severity. Do you see this in my letters? You will at least say I have never written about these last comers (~~anything~~) nor about Mr. Ellis or Dr. U. until asked, when I regard it not a matter of choice but a simple duty.

Mr Carey is a much more than average man, accomplished as well as educated, of bright ~~and~~ attractive parts, with a ~~good~~, mercurial temperament and a hearty ~~and~~ almost frolicsome way that seems to win the people at once. Tho I have never heard him "speak" or lead a meeting, I am sure he will prove an unusually winsome if not strong preacher.

I know nothing of his ability as a teacher, but should think he would be a stimulating and thorough, tho possibly lax in discipline.

In general, he would be reckoned "up to date" in education, methods, & theology, with high ideals and a strong will and energy in carrying them out

Here then you have the makings of a first class missionary in time. I need not say that we older missionaries, having spent so much of our life in the tranquilizing atmosphere of the East, (~~the~~) perceive the larger element of ozone in his and on at times a little startled by his busy, Western, free & easy ways, words and actions.

But his condition will ripen into sweetness & strength; his sharpness and impatience of speech & conduct into a ~~life~~ of firmness and consecrated life, and, soon or later I believe he will have a strong influence throughout this field & in the councils of the Mission.

Coming now to Dr. Atkinson we find an entirely different kind of man in gifts, education, temperament, speech & influence.

Dr. A. which make up would make him an ideal "country doctor". He is of average ability, I should judge, in his profession, not a student or keeping up with his profession, certainly not an enthusiast in it, but faithful up to his knowledge, most kind & sympathetic in his work and giving the impression to all of being a genial man and true christian who would love to lighten the pain & sin of the world.

I may be underrating him as a physician but he and Mrs. A. impressed me as ~~a~~ unusually warm hearted, christian christians who, under all circumstances would try to be good rather than great.

In writing the above in confidence I have tried to be just. I would not object to read the above to them, tho I have never said as much to Dr B. or Mr K. We need much charity for ourselves. We can hardly give too much to others. Yours ever needing charity,

Jno. E. Browne

P.S.

I find myself obliged to prolong my letter to refer to other items. The other day Dr. A. asked me when I expected to return to the U.S. I told him I could not tell. He then asked if I should come back here to Turkey. I said probably not. He then said he could recommend a first class man, one he thought would fill my place admirably, &c.
He finally told me it was his brother, now a home missionary in Cal. having two or three places under his care, and doing excellent work, and wished you would refer to the Home Miss. Supt of Cal., and to Rev. Dr. Geo. Adams of San Francisco, to attest his character, ability, success &c. I promised Dr. A. to pass on to you his suggestion. Dr. A. mentioned that his bro. had formerly been declined appointment by the Board, but since then his success had been such as to warrant his acceptance

I hear it intimated, now and then, that even Herbert Allen may be spoken of to relieve our desperate strait, especially if I must leave next year. Tho here, too, you may discount my opinion, I cannot refrain from reiterating my deep conviction that it would be a grave mistake fraught with grave consequences to this work should he be sent to this station, with still graver if he be sent as the training missionary. I don't know that there is any question of his coming in any capacity. If there is, and the wishes, votes of the station desired, I think it would be voted against well nigh unanimously.

A suitable man, with his pleasing ways, knowledge of Armenian, experience of the country & people would be a blessed relief to us now but surely we cannot endure any addition to our burdens.

I suppose we shall be expected to say something of Dr. Gates' resignation yet I hardly know just what to say. In some respects his leaving is a great loss, as he is a strong man every way, and of marked executive ability and a capital financier, in these three respects, the exact opposite of Herbert Allen. Personally I shall miss him exceedingly, probably more than any other here as we rarely, if ever, differed in our judgement on principles or methods and on the fundamental, vital question of developing independence strength and faithfulness in our churches & communities, never knew aided his hearty & continuous support more than now.

Still, without comparing in the least his gifts & abilities with my far more modest ones, we have one thing in common, neither of us are what might be called "popular", he in the college and among the people, I among the outside communities. I anticipate a decided change in regime in the college and field before long and with it a corresponding popularity in those having these departments in charge. I earnestly hope Dr. Gates successor may have nearly all his qualities with some he lacked, and we should have a model president, but where find such a paragon?

I am glad for Mrs Gates' happiness he has made this decision but in many respects it is a severe blow to the work of the college.

I have criticised but one thing in his management, the failure of the college to furnish teaching for the girls. But I have ever been ready to approve and admire his rarely successful efforts in raising its standard, its quality of instruction, its discipline and finance.

I have just returned from going out to meet Henry S. Barnum of Conn'ct, and, at his suggestion, have just sent off a "tele." to Macoran to ask Mr Harry Riggs to "wait for letter", in which we shall invite said Harry Riggs to help us out here temporarily, in return for that same W. J. M.'s having taken from us our best all around man. It may not seem doing just as we would by others do to us but it seems like calling a pastor fr. one ch. to another - at home. I know Dr. Edward Riggs & wife & if there is anything in "Blood" - his son is the sort of a man we need here, & at once! Then his knowledge of the language is such th he could help us at once. We shall have H. S. Barnum's advocacy at home & I must that of the Home & I can turn over to them our house now or next summer if he comes with his new wife. This may be of Lord. His solution of our sore straits. Only Mr. Cary did not seem to approve the vote voting against it. Surely he did not have expected to succeed Gates! For the present, at least he seems anything but fit for that position.

You may remember that I spoke once of the bare possibility of Mr Arthur C. Williams & Alice coming here to take up my work. Since learning how identified he is with that "Yale - Mission" to China I have put that idea entirely away forever. I feel he would be doing wrong not to go there after all this.

Dr Herman Barnum seems most intent on securing Mr. Riggs so he sent you a cable gram early this morning. We are now leaving "the disposition of the matter" to Him where we are & whom we serve. We are praying almost continuously thru day & night.

Yours.

Geo. C. Browne.

J. Harpool, Sept. 5, 1902

Malatia, Dec. 11 - 1902

Dear Leila & Cicle

Returning to touring & my fountain pen May the first be better to me than second & have more point pungency & power. Amen!

Compare C. wrote about our journey than nothing but praise for my work method of locomotion. Seemed to myself more like a prince "travelling for pleasure" than a poor missionary on a tour. Really seemed to be "renewing my youth."

Leaving Harpoot Monday, little after noon we reached Malatia Wednesday " " "

Hey ovata was even easier than it of Giraw "jig a jig jig and end with least bit of level road, away we went. Nishan, driver, was an ideal one, tidy dressed & behaved, silent as the sphynx, not smoking, prompt, attentive, short-sentiment.

I came far more comfortably than I feared to all were wise than I in insisting on

my taking ends on arabs. I fear I could not have endured your dear old "Berchet" As it was, I was tired enough every night to get to bed as soon as possible.

We were received a gladdy welcome & up to the present are receiving calls every one appearing themselves warmly, most of all the deacon who was just finishing "Godella Sermons" and was in despair what to do when he should read them again. He, perhaps others, think our Pastor B. will do for a change. Nearly all speak of the Providence in our writing to them of our coming & they their urgent invitation to us, - on the very same day with their Church Committee's eight signatures & pastor Mardiros' letter also confirming and urging of same.

We did not read your this wk. reached us on sabbath. Their invitation mentions "three months" or the very shortest limit - "two months", - for the duration of our visit. They are modest in all things

They discussed in writing the propriety of inviting Mrs. R. other part of "firm", with the infirm part - but thought it impossible for her to be spared - the thinking I could be, you see!

They have heard the Emma go to America in spring so they propose we remain here until then & that I travel from here! I did not ask the non Corp. Com. but I am sure of their hearty consent.

Friday A.M.

A steady down pour all night long but then it was clear shining after rain. But school bell rings soon after 7 A.M. and the scholars gather by 7½ and remain, with little intermission until 3½ P.M. I have seldom seen any such "hive of industry" any where in East - at least.

Every one who speaks of schools unanimously & heartily speak of the strong esprit de corps, how ambitious their children are & how they are willing to study at home & impatient to get off in the morning. Callers have not yet let us visit the schools but we sure they will please us

Saturday D.

You will rejoice with us that our letter
the spirit's blessing has effected what co
impossible with us. The pastor and
their teachers have been invited to C
Asphaio homes and a "beautiful reunion
resulted. Casper warmly thanked me
my letter and past efforts. The teachers
very happy and work in perfect harmony.

When I began meeting last eve. there were
brethren & few sisters. Finally two brethren co
pastor (resuming) Never have been com
here so utterly "dead as a door nail." I would
have believed this degree of deadness - even to
Bro. H. says "no bro. comes to any meeting durin
week not even deacons. Did you ever hear o
a ch. this pastor has at least lived here nearly 40
Later. Your letter came at lunch. Many
to Dr. Mee & Miss B. Harry, Mr K. Harris & to
They gave me great heart & we needed all the
Since then, sun has been shining beautifu

Monday Dec. 15

the "house of prayer" so simply for "only a prayer meeting" was more than packed yesterday at both services at wh. I took special pains not to preach a "sermon" which many came to worship Christ, but gave them my straight talking, and I did not see one of them relish it. I doubt not many would have much preferred sleeping.

From eleven till one P.M. I had a meeting with church & parish com'tees & other brethren, who came to number of eighteen, and it was a lively meeting & we came out and here too was very plain talking. The Hak. Effendi seems to be carrying things here with a high hand with the corporation of his two professional sons who have established & named a fine medicine shop opposite Old Church when younger, yesterday. A lecture, as Y.M.C.A. meeting here was given up.

Barnetrakel of Aghma is here to see his son - possibly for another purpose also.
He came Sat. eve. & at time of his leaving, Aghma had not even Bad Karma
He wishes us to go fr. here to Arabkir
He says the Sam of Sakarian, who received some 10£ this fall fr his former employer in Foxboro, for his poor prophet school in Aghma has said nothing of this to brethren there
We must remember this if they apply to us for aid "Take note on it" says Capt. Cattle.
The Aghma people have Bac Arsinag as teacher & his bro. Bac Aram as preacher this winter One or both propose to enter the Seminary, to be supported & study(?) there years.
They are not satisfied with their teacher at Arabkir & wished Bac Aram Charkel says.
I suggested these meetings this week Will see how fes. responds. Ought we not to stay there at least two weeks before leaving them &

Suppose we tried such a test with Harpoot ch.
did we hear them in their coldness thereafter?
Yet they have — fold reasons of this ch.!

Invitations for dinner have begun. Oh, how I dislike to go, yet for C's sake largely, I yield. I meant to give my notice yesterday yet on eve accept no such invitations but forgot it.—

I hear scholars banging outside yard gate this A.M. while I was reading by lamp light—! There is love for school for you & tells its own story.

This teacher is cheap at 300p— or more!
Dikran is studying to enter sophomore next year wh is most unwise as he is far from wise. I wish the college management would make this impossible— even for those physically strong. They must make neglect one or the other, or both is done imperfectly. What say you there?

All Germans travelling towards M. made us a tremendous call yesterday then came to chapel. The "bride groom" seemed as jolly as Mark Tapley!

Tuesday A.M. Dec 76

Clear, cold, beautiful weather but hard & cruel for the poor who lack both food and warmth and there are plenty of such here who want bait which we are invited to feed!

The meeting last eve was a decided contrast [illegible] I have never heard him before I do not know how he impressed the people His voice is harsh but he was earnest at least.

The teacher Mr. "Eff" demands 300$ & says he will leave at once unless he receives it. I have turned him over to Sch. Com'tee to deal with, saying we have promised his such salary & that on no account can we increase our present large sum if and if any increase seems desirable they must give it I do not yet know what will be the amount

I am shocked at the amount we pay here

It looks now as if we shd remain another week after this. Merrie Xmas to all With love

L. H. W.

Malatia Dec 22nd 1902

My Lilac Circle.

I have just asked C. if she noticed much longer the days are growing! Are you getting impatient for your il? We hurried our letters into last Tues. so they did not be left "it came suddenly" & tho' we heard it only last eve. almost a week late. We were more fortunate in one respect before hand Sat., & brought us letters fr. Dr., Mra., & Miss Barnum, Mrs. C., Harriet & Lucila, for each we are most "grateful & comforted." It seems strange the ones we old and tried friends do not seem to outgrow need of home letters & their expressions for us & hope for our success.

We only wish we might always have that ill you wd. would gladden your hearts.

Our three meetings last week grew steadily in attendance & as there was a strong desire on part of people that there shd be daily meetings thus two ~~meetings~~ weeks before Week of Prayer. I suppose there will be some who we take our departure, of wh. people will not hear a word. They keep coming to us to beg them, at least, we remain until Jan but it will be some or more than, & I know Br. K. is impatient for C's coming - if we shd be detained, he might find work in some near place like Hulaleigh, Mearsville, or Louisburg!!

Yesterday I was nearly stifled & had to hold open while I tried a little expository preaching at 11 & P.M. Never were sermons so packed as the odiferous mass of humanity. heat, wet, steaming, & c

The Commentator say "Hire pers. are simply mad for preaching" For the reason I will not give them a single "sermon" but shd them their greatest need in Word opened & not preached

Ever since Easter my return in 96, I have done all in my power to counteract this insane disease of "itching ears", by "preaching" very seldom, but rather giving simple expositions, a "primitive method", but adequate, with God's blessing, to bring back to "primitive faith", for we they have wandered far in their worship of sermon, so called. God save much!

"Mr B. does not "preach" to us as he used to." I hear frequently, we they take as evidence failing power. Would that it might be, and avoid an evidence of an increase of God's power in the use of His soul saving truth, "wisdom of God and power of God."

This will quite a little homily for Monday morning, but I'll spare you any more of it.

I do hope however, we may find these "earthen vessels" - these "ignorant & unlearned men" just sent out may differ much fr their learned brethren in matter & manner of their "handling of word of God".

Had a good letter to day from Davenport. His last two are unanswered. He was still at Agra the expecting to leave to day for Harpoot. Express thanks for his letter & my thankfulness for all the Lord seems doing by him. I do hope he will go to Geghi & I told Dr M. to so persuade him. After the wed the he might be "led of the Sp" here.

It seems dreadful to leave this people. I am afraid my feelings & judgement too will lead me to yield to their importunities & lead their meeting until Week of Prayer Jan 5th, instead of Dec. 29 as we planned so you can send us letters once more.

After a little rest at home, if I feel as well as now, I hope to go to some village say Hooldos, & surrounding villages tho I confess to no longing to be there Jan. 4-10 - or - any village. I am getting bretheren down to money matters & hard pan in every thing.

L. H. B.

Malatia, Dec. 26th 1902

Dear Leila & Birch

Wonder how you all are feeling down in your ordinary sphere, after the excitement & dissipations of "diplomatic society."

Of course you expected the reaction & probably made careful provision for it, so we hope no serious consequences will follow.

We had a quietly enjoyable & profitable day — my surprise, as we had carefully made no mention of the day, early in the morning the Pastor & brethren called and many continued all day.

Just eve. we had settled down for an early rest when in came the Vice Pashaw, & others & remained till after eight. They seemed to enjoy the evening much.

We had an unusually large no. to meeting & the weather & walking was the worst, and I enjoyed unusual liberty, so, altogether, our Christmas seems very sweet to us to day in the Sabbath

Dec. 26th

Have just had a call fr a Com. of "Eff. v"
to tell me th, after a 3 hrs. strong meeting
my opinion has prevailed & they consent:
1 Th the Sabbatarians can be buried with them,—
tho they fear they will thus seem to become
identified with them & Protestantism receive
lasting injury. Still, they yield "for my sake"
2 They are ready to begin among their sub-
scriptions and assume 200 p. a month
fr. the day the pastor resigned. Affirm!
It remains to see how soon this will realize tho
I have little fear but they will do it.
3 They are still discussing inviting Bro.
Kalmin and I have hope that, too, will be
decided favorably to my wishes or rather to
the will of the Lord,—as it seems to me.
4 "And, in behalf of the ch. & people we beg
you ad libitum B. to prolong your stay thru
Week of Prayer, not to lose but to increase
good we see plainly is being done daily".

Saturday Ev. 27th

Kirkore has just brought Grandma with the gifts.

We knew you wd think of us, Emma, but to do so, with gifts, and they sent them, was more than I hoped.

We thank the one thoughtful, our generous Barnum very much, especially Emma, so mindful of my powerful weakness in books.

Coming on my "Day of Fasting" thus reminding of your love & tender care, prayers also, seemed to bring to us a double blessing. Poor "John" was deep in the "wilderness" but now has new strength.

Sabbath Evening

Visitors have just gone so a few words before retiring. Your good letter came to day just as we were going to meeting, as so often happens, so, after awaiting so many days we waited so much longer. Thanks to all the B. family as usual, Ada, Mr. H. Harriet & Leila.

If you insist on knowing, we will "tattle" disappointed at receiving not a paper, but we can get along another week tho we do miss them

[illegible] rejoice with you all, most heartily
the "after meeting" in "auntie" room, so
long ago, has resulted so happily in
bringing to our circle the (not so very) Odd
Fellow who probably will prove an accession
of no small significance to his reputation
Meanwhile your notes to him have gone by yesterday
& so we are left out in the cold again
but he may make it hot enough for us all
when he gets to Harpoot — we including
It will be quite a pleasant thing if our
friend must leave here & accompany him to
this we might have to change our plans to go
If you hear in time to let us know we
shall be grateful. We are here this week
may be not — or apart of it, cannot tell
We send this by Trikoos of Paris who states
he moves & will probably reach you before the
[illegible] by wh. we will send as usual. Especially
[illegible] congratulate to Dr. S.T. on his coming, so soon

Office. H. Boggs. Tomorrow if very rainy or we can never what the is our
[illegible] a matter of course [illegible] [illegible] if in this house
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Tuesday Nov. 30th

As Kirikoa did not start until this morn. he saved me fr. breaking one rule so send this by the boat as usual, wh I hope may not be so late this week. You know enough, tho we are not on our way to you.

It has been very difficult to decide, but we have decided to stay, at least another week. Light & great peace break in & my anxiety has utterly passed, so we feel this is right. Nothing Satan in arabia, or made of fast matters little, compared with this assurance.

Meetings are growing larger & better & I'm growling grabbing round in Jeremiah, Hosea, Habakkuk wh. means getting down to work aiming, at least towards subsoil ploughing

Oh, of course it is all "prophesying pleasant things" & the people do not like to hear it so, but I'm not in the hospital yet, but have still my old role of physician & surgeon to sustain, may we not hope, under hand of Great Physician

Sundays meetings were very crow
but better far, the attention could be felt
The air nearly finished me so that my
sermon lasted but 20 min, & people tho
seemed equally glad to get out but mind
simplicity of expositions they won't forget it
They seemed extremely restless, no sleeping,
& I do not believe it was all fr. bad air
Last eve we had 8-10 short, direct, simple
prayers. Hitherto I have not let them pray
save in the Lords Prayer Our prayer-
meetings are 40-45 min every part brief &
full, tho not of the Spirit as yet

What troubles me so is after we leave
what. They did not want Bar. trained nor
pastor, nor Bad Karma and so what
They begin to cry out "same", so God wishes
your to stay, oh, do not let us drop down again"
This we hear every day It is very hard
but I cannot do more for them as I can.
"There is more light to break in" than I now see

Wednesday Dec. 31

May experience last eve. I record as an example of unexpected. From some who came to pray & others who spoke of previous meetings, had great encouragement to expect a good meeting. I made careful preparation but to my sorrow, the attendance was as usual, the meeting, humanly speaking, was a failure & I cannot detect any reason for it. The subject was on self examination. Was I aware intriguing to be faithful? Anyway it was a wretched meeting.

I write this that you may see we are fighting Satan & his work in earnest, foot by foot, inch by inch, & I got a tremendous fall to night! "The word of God was in my mouth but devil was in the meeting", & stopped nearly every mouth. A full month is needed to "break up fallow ground" before sowing with any hope of immediate harvest. Now we must learn without any one - but God - to take up & carry along little we have tried to do.

The last day of the year with reflections.

How great had my second meeting of the school & enjoy it & hope they did.

We have found occasionally, sent in to us, the orphanage ch. if a couple of them desiring inclined me to go there to board.

The two younger teachers are now boarding there and the oldest one would like to if his pride did not keep him back.

He is learning a valuable lesson.

Have your eye on a bad man for her and your as such a man will be required to sustain the present reputation of the school. Once more let me repeat there is no building for ch to give 15¢ aid.

I have added Caspar Agra to Orphan Com. Bulletin's place who becomes "Police" of the village. Might it not be well to send money to Caspar hereafter?

The very happiest, blessed new year to each of the dear station, not excluding Hiram B.

Dec. 13.

Dear man, unless God brings some before, we expect to start home by Jan 13-14. if we can make a small stay by Jan. 8-9 - best to me. This carries first - of this month will tarry for a few days at Jerusalem.

Rev. J. K. Brown

Rec'd MAR 23 1903

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Rev James L Barton D.D.

Ans'd APR 1 1903

Dear Dr. Barton.

I received your circular by last post and hasten to fill it out before starting out again. I hope the facts, most of which you know already, can be used by you at the Rooms. What a pity that you there are forced again & again to invent new means to interest and enlist the cooperation of the churches in this work. When will christians, even intelligent Congregationalists! learn to look at christian duties & gifts in the right way, in a way proportioned to their importance in God's sight! Then your work at the Rooms would be more delightful & fruitful.

I am not surprised at the changes pending at the Rooms. May it prove to be that approved by the Head of the Church

Dr Barnum's weekly epistles have almost nothing, even of personal reference to be written. Some of us would prefer, decidedly not to be "written up" so frequently but some --- have greatness thrust upon them.

Suffice it to say then, that Bro & I remained at Malatia fully six weeks and our visit accomplished much, tho there was nothing like a "revival" so called

Indeed I am more & more distrustful of these as usually understood, in the East however it may be in America.

Some here in the station feel entirely different and are constantly using such measures in the schools here, as I cannot but think defeat the very object they have so much at heart. They magnify unconsciously quite little signs of religious interest, and write of them as if there was an "awakening" and many & great disappointments do not seem to

have taught them their little real significance

The worst of it is they misjudge & condemn those who do not deem it wise to join in pushing these same measures

The Bland newspaper - which has caused them to demand that special meetings & efforts be at once started here & the strongest sort of pressure is brought upon me to stay here & conduct daily services &c, notwithstanding the fact there has been no preparation for such services either among teachers students or infirmaries - if ought to say such a thing.

I am amazed there is no special abbreviation for a Theolog. Class after all that has been written about having one

Perhaps you can some other way to provide the necessary funds 100 £ (?) is not too much for help. but books & necessary expenses

Please note what is said on this in the enclosed

Knapp does not want such a class - "Bishops do not" &c &c

Mrs. Tarah was not at all well at Malatia, & has taken milk her heart & soul for her. & which disturbed her much. & has given up bonnet for the present — and Emma is very well & very busy.

My return fr. Malatia thro' deep snow & bitter cold, & on horseback has tired me much & with plenty to do here I am impatient to get out again. My Superior's opinion is that the Chapel is not out out for training missionary brethren, but his excellency Sir Cary probably will not come to a end & so we are left as before.

Everybody is importuning me not to think of leaving at present — wh. of course, I shall do if it is in my power.

On hand can we open the Seminary? Mr. Biggs has his hands more than full. Dr. Dwight declines to teach, and — well you see.

Do not imagine all our difficulties are met by the coming of Biggs, great as the relief he brings. If in any way feasible, Seminary, do not doubt this!!

With warm regards to all your family

Gratefully Yours to command

Wm. H. Browne

Rec'd APR 7 1903
Ans'd APR 10 1903

Harpoot March 12th 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

Yours of Feb 5th by reason of delayed post, came only this week and I hasten to reply.

Since writing this you must have received mine in answer to your circular of many questions, which I sent by the next post after getting the circular.

In reference to the action of the W.B.M. in not sending Alice to Harpoot for two years, it has my hearty approval.

I did not favor Alice coming, was not present when "it was unanimously voted", and wrote you nothing about it, or Alice either, because I was confident it would result in nothing more than "a vote of confidence", so that question is finally and wisely disposed of. I have even a higher opinion of the W.B.M. than ever.

You refer also, with your usual kind interest and sympathy, to my last tour to Malatia. Had I returned, as I went, by Arabia, I think I should not have been any the worse for it. Unfortunately, the very day Mr Riggs reached M., there came a very heavy fall of snow which continued for two days, necessitating our returning on horseback, which gave me such a shaking up I did not get over it for some time, and my brethren have insisted on my not trying any more horse back touring since

We are most grateful also for your kindness in inviting our boys A. & H. to your home. Poor boys, they miss their own home enough to appreciate keenly, as do we, any such attention, as we can so plainly see their letters speaking of their pleasure.

We hear almost nothing from Miss Pinney but hope for the best. Harold too writes very seldom, Arthur - not too often, the other, better, especially Alice our model correspondent.

Now a word or two about Mr. Bigge, of course, in confidence & in answer to your inquiries.

I have not seen enough of him to express any comprehensive or final judgement. I give you my present impressions simply.

In a word, he is a complete contrast to Dr Gates, in appearance, (about six feet -) in disposition, temperament, manner.

Tho by no means as sharp and "strong" a man as Gates, he is in no respect weak. Tho just twenty-eight - his quiet dignified way of speaking in no way betrays youth, impulse or inexperience, in this respect in marked contrast to Mr. Carey. He has an easy winning address, one to inspire love & confidence among female teachers and the people. If I am not mistaken, tho quite "modern", he will blend this with sufficient conservatism to satisfy without alarming either element in the college and community. I prophesy he will be a wise disciplinarian, careful administrator, "popular" president, and, in time, may develop unsuspected "strength." He is sure to grow.

Altogether the trustees have may not assumed - they & we are surely fortunate that Dr. Gates successor is such a sweet, strong christian gentleman.

Now I must come down to a much less attractive subject. I feel sure you do not regard me a nervous alarmist in the matter of my health. I speak of it seldom here unless in answer to direct inquiry and then, if I can, evasively. But it is a painful fact I cannot ignore and will not "down".

Hoping against hope, I have giving up touring, taken more exercise, drank mineral water, medicine, boiled my drinking water, refrained for certain foods, "done what I could" besides constantly resorting to throwing myself on the pity and mercy of the Great Physician, to prolong my service here, but I am certainly no better, possibly I could put it stronger.

Is it wise then to continue in this way when, with all my will, I cannot do my full work & my proper work, whereas by leaving, and yielding entirely for a time to proper treatment I may be spared for many years yet of good service, especially seeing that by remaining I am probably keeping another from coming and taking up my work and soon doing better and larger service than by remaining I can hope to do at least under present conditions. It is extremely hard for me to come to this decision. I have fought against it while I had any hope I was doing right. May God forgive me if I still seem to Him rebellious, but it is very hard. Hence I feel I ought to return this summer or fall. Can you not send out a first class man to more than fill a second class manse place, in the company of Miss Platt & Miss Wilson?

For this reason I felt I ought to acquaint you with the fact at the earliest so you might, if possible, send a new man. This I do not understand as necessarily precluding our return, provided it seemed best to all parties, with my health restored. But there are too many contingencies to think of to be sure without another man all this time, especially as this man is needed even if I were sure of returning. Dr. Barnum fails very perceptibly. Mr. N. did not come a day too soon. If we are to have another regular Theol. Class, not to say a permanent Theol. Sem., we need a strong, thoroughly trained man on the ground to-day!

I propose to keep on with our Station Class thro the summer or as long as I can, ~~and~~ going to the coast in time to meet those coming who can take all our "stuff" for their interior journey you see. So as far as my work with the class goes the later they come the better, say the month of October.

Could there be some rare man in Africa class who would fit in here? Other things equal let us have a man of experience in teaching & preaching and, oh, let him be married!! - I think Miss Daniels may wish to come with us tho it is a mere opinion. Miss Brake's health has kept her from teaching lately & she has exchanged work with Emma, who with Mr. Knapp, are now in Dearborn. We all are much pleased with Mr. Carey's ability. I am working for his going with Mr. Rigge to Annual Meeting if at Tan. in July. I have done my best for our three last two years - and that "my wife relations" should go to the war.

I send this letter with great pain of heart tho hoping for the best. Yours

John C. Browne

Rev. J. C. Houpt
Washington, D.C.
March 12, 1863

Rec'd JUN 18 1903

Ans'd JUL 22 1903

Harpoot May 21. 1903

Rev. G. L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr Barton.

I have the pleasure of acknowledging your letters of April 1 and April 10. I am glad you received mine with the information you desired, tho I confess I am not enthusiastic over this new scheme "to interest the churches". This work should be done largely by their pastors. But I will not venture to enter upon this theme.

We were greatly relieved in hearing that we need not send away our Station Class for lack of funds. You may know they are men of considerable experience in preaching, all married, and with quite large families. Hence we felt warranted in giving them, monthly, as the limit, 100 p. for the five-six months they study here, tho some were eager enough to pay all their expenses last year.

Last year, four, out of the ten, received no aid from us. One of these four, and by far the ablest man in the class, died this spring. Two more we did not encourage to return tho they are doing very fair work as teachers & preachers at 120 p. a month.

Of the present number, 7, one pays his entire expenses and the others get from 70 p - 100 p a month, none more than 100 p. We are expecting another, daily, who will add real strength, and the class will graduate three S. Thus, all good men and bound to become successful workers, an accession greatly needed.

Since this return April 22, I have given them 3 hrs. daily Mesdames K. & C. an hour each. Mr K. expects to be gone weeks to Con'ph "for his teeth". Mr C. & Mr. Riggs 6-7 weeks for Am. Meeting, so you see what my summer promises to be, but there is no help for it, tho you kindly say: "we do not want you to stay on there and take any risks". This class must be cared for. Mr Riggs is literally carrying out your wishes in going over the field, as he will write you. Mr K. is not fond of or specially adapted to teaching. Mr. C "wants a vacation", and needs one. Dr D. says, truly, we must not depend on him for anything; "he will do something if he feels able".

I am not wailing by way of complaint, but simply to show the I must peg away and that hard & incessantly thro the summer, tho you say: "I do not think the question of a station class ought to make you hesitate in regard to coming if the operation be necessary"

Might I say: "I think it wholly unwise that in addition to your proper and already excessive duties you should assume Dr Strong's also". To wh. you would probably answer "there seems no way out of it"; then let me add: "just so, me too"!

As to whether I am injuring myself in staying on here, I can get no satisfactory answer from Dr. A. I suspect only an expert can determine and that by the use of X rays or some such means. As to the pain, I can endure it well enough, until fall, unless it increases. Dr Gates urges my going to Berlin but, all things considered, I think America is better.

I too do not see how the regular Seminary can be again reopened here until our force is increased. We seem to have quite a force, compared with the other stations, but yet compared with the work here, it is still entirely inadequate. But this you know as well as we. If as you write: "he to sending you another man at present, I can give no encouragement" that certainly indefinitely defers, if not settles the question of our having a Theol. Sem'y here. I do not think it necessary to offer you our argument as to the absolute necessity of having such a Seminary here at Harpoot for the sake of this great field, and for the almost undeveloped need of E. Turkey.

But I would like to suggest one consideration additional to all you feel in favor of reopening this Seminary at the earliest.

He never having expressed himself to this effect, I fear Mr. Carey feels dissatisfied with our work here, and with his share in it. I am almost inclined to say I doubt if he will care to remain here long unless the Seminary be reopened. He is not strong enough to tour, his wife strongly opposes this also. He feels he is not called to be a teacher in the college, therefore — I am soon returning to America, D.V., possibly not to return. Dr B. will soon follow, if he lives. Suppose we lose Carey! He says he has solid enjoyment with these backward students. They will probably have another summer of work. After that, the deluge? I am not an alarmist or pessimist but it would be unwise not to weigh such plain facts and find their wise solution in time.

You do not exaggerate the mud at Erzroom, Tan & Mardin. But it is equally true, and I say this most emphatically, that sore mud do not modify in the least our straits here and I say this, more as a member of E. I. M. than of Harpoot.

Last week mail indicates that it is doubtful whether either Miss Wilson or Miss Platt come this year, and Miss Daniels planning to go home with us! This is almost too much. I am not thinking of blaming anyone but it would seem as if the stars in their courses were fighting against us here!

I am getting invitations from all the stations to attend the An. Meeting. What do you think of the prospect? I have been trying to induce Dr B. to go "to look after the boys", but, tho he likes horse back riding, he thinks this too far. It will be here next year.

I am right glad to hear of Herbert's coming to Constantinople. He & his wife will do admirably there tho I am equally sure they could not have succeeded in Erzroom.

If you should remember, please offer him and his father my warm congratulations. This reminds me of another thing. If you should hear my name mentioned in connection with Herbert's work there, as I have here, as coming from there, please say I can conceive of nothing which would make it seem my duty.

Let my class coming for their 2 hrs. debate, reading, please see. I have not been happier since coming to Harpoot than with this class, and I hate awfully to leave them. With warmest regards to Mrs B. and the children fr. my Mrs. B. & myself. Sincerely, Wm. C. Browne.

Pension Comte, 34.
Vevey, Switzerland.
April 14. 1903.

Porowne:

Emma has forwarded to
ters from Harpoot, among
, was one from you.
stirred into new activity
ire I have long had to
o you.
n one of the worst men
1- settling down into a
e of life and finding no
for things outside of that
e. I have not attended
of the concerts, lectures
which have been given
all winter. We have
d French and taken our
ise by day and read
y evenings. That has
our daily program.
d French very easily
now, and I am beginning

to feel some liberty in expressing myself in conversation.

Now I am about to start for Constantinople by way of Milan and Venice. I hope to have a week in the latter place. I am to have a companion who speaks French, so we can talk it by the way.

At Venice I hope to hear from Dr. E. B. Coe, secretary of the Board of Trustees of Robert College, who is coming to visit the college, whether he will go by Oriental Express and take the risks of being blown up by the insurgents in Macedonia or whether he will meet me in Trieste and go by steamer.

I expect to be in Constantinople about two weeks, say up to May 8th. and then return here to Nellie and Moore, when we will look for a place in the mountains for the summer.

Mrs. Yakis' sister, Mrs. Wiley, seems to be failing steadily all the time, but they do not consider it best for us to go to her, as she is not able to see people, with the exception of the nurses and her husband.

I wish I could adequately express to you my sympathy with you in your illness and its consequent forced turning aside from the touring work. I am sure that the work you have

been doing with the Station class and in other lines is equally important and just now very necessary: but one does not like to give up the work in which his heart is -

I follow with the greatest interest all the work, as tidings come to me of it. I want to know the results of the conferences with the brethren about a chapel. I do hope that if we build an assembly Hall for the College, the money of the brethren may not be used in it. It is better to say to them: You had better save your money until you can build

your chapel.
We ought to build before our permission becomes ancient history, and I think that we could secure a place for the Mangaran in building over the stable.
Then I want to know how Arabkir and Egin and other places are getting on, what Ehmann is doing, how the brethren in Mezireh progress with their chapel and lots of other things.
If you can secure the proper medical treatment in Berlin, why not go there, then take a vacation in Switzerland and return to Harpoot. I am sure that you are good for

lots of splendid work yet.
Switzerland is a glorious
place to rest. No one to
say to you "Why not do
this or that" – you can
do just what you please.
and the air is fine.
Have you seen Tolstoi's
letter about the Princess
of Saxony? It was said
that this young woman
had imbibed Tolstoi's ideas
and that these had been
the cause of her ruin.
Tolstoi wrote one letter
defending himself from
this charge. Later he wrote
another in which he
said that he was not
feeling well when he

wrote his first letter, that he now desired to retract all that he had said in it, that he would not be one to cast a stone at this erring woman, for he was himself a sinner, and he hoped and prayed that she might find her Savior, as he had. There is so much of the spirit of the master in that letter, that it greatly raises Tolstoi in my estimation.

We have an old Russian lady in our pension from one of the first Russian families. Well acquainted with literature, she is a queer character. She smokes incessantly in her room,

talks much at the table
drinks a bottle of wine
every afternoon and liv
on the memories of her li
at court.

I want to charge you to
give our love to aunts A
and Caro, Theresa, Ada,
Mary, the Knapps, Mrs. Bro
the Barnums. I love you
all, and I want to inclu
the Carey and Mr. Rigg
the new comers. Ever
Wednesday I pray especia
for Harpoot.

If you go in the fall
we shall probably see
you in Constantinople.
I wish we could have o
own home in which t
receive you. Yours

C. T. Fatro

Mardin, May 11 - '03.

Dear Brethren - Browne & Carey: -

Brother Browne's dodge is a good one to imitate when you are in a hurry, as is the case with me to-day.

Yours, Bro. C - of Apr. 21, was duly received. We were sorry we got left by both you & Prof Norton, whom we certainly thot would fetch up here. We shall have to go to Van to see you both! - We trust Mrs. Carey is steadily improving, especially now that Dr. Atkinson has returned.

Miss Frenenga & myself have been appointed delegates to the Van meeting & expect to reach Bitlis Sat. July 11 - If the Harpoot party could arrange to reach the town of Zoke Thurs. July 9. we would plan to get there that day -

We too, Brother B -, are glad there is to be a meeting & sorry you are not to be there, for it won't do to have the veterans outnumbered lest the young men should run away with the meeting! We really need Dr. Barnum to take the helm at Van now we have lost our Dewey. We are sorry that Mrs. Camp-

bell is laid aside by his sore throat, & that Dr. Krabb has decided he must not use his voice now but give it a long rest or he will have chronic laryngitis. This has upset all his plans so he will have to cancel his engagement at Corfu & elsewhere. He is now thinking of going on out of the country & straight to England as he cannot speak for so long a time. We are sorry you could not have him too. We received more of a blessing than when Mr. Hilliard was here & the people got brotherly liked him better, too.

We shall still hope to see you before you are obliged to turn your face toward this land. Somehow we seem to be more needing as we grow older, & work piles up on us when we really should attempt less & rest more, but what can we do? We are the Lord's bond servants & He will put on us no greater burden than we are able to bear, & He will be our strong arm every morning.

All well. Mrs. C. joins me in warmest love to you all.

Yours very truly,

A. M. Anderson

Have sent C. O. T. Blondin to Paris - to-day / A. M. A.

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My Dear Browne:-

Your good letter came to hand in due time and gave us great joy - We had been told by seeming good authority that you and Mrs. B. were to leave Boston for the Mission in the early spring - Even by last post - a letter from Marsovan comes saying - "Send by the Brownes when they come in the spring!" But here comes your letter with the true Browne ring in it - that you are still to continue with us in the work of the Lord.

And you may be assured - altho we seldom see each other yet it was a satisfaction, that gave our hearts much joy to learn this fact - And we earnestly trust - your days may be spared from pain in the future, than they have been in the past - I say it without any thought of flattery - that next to Bro. Dwight, you are the nearest associate in the Mission the one with whom I have had the warmest regard for - for years - for I cannot - leave out the dear little Bentgamian years - in the pleasant memories of the past - And to think of all these things so suddenly taken away - seemed an unbearable stroke - But we heartily thank the dear Lord in His great mercy, for permitting you to continue yet a little in the work here - for how much the work needs you and many others like you - He will know - So our prayers are. So that as your days are - may your strength be also - that you may be able to come from pain - your station well manned again. With Dr. Riggs to run your errands. You must feel

quite at ease. As the Echo comes from Manorvan "Now that Porter has got Mr. Rigg — they will get political" You can put your iron strong on the wood is — if they need any.

You take good care of yourself. take a good rest. Come down & visit us next Summer. As Dr. Barlow says — "It is a great advantage I think to all the stations to have missionaries visit back and forth." So come down you & the little wife and make us a good visit. We will trust you will take good care of you — and see that you don't return until you are well able to work.

We are having a late spring — the cold continues to the last moment. but June & July I have no doubt will start it out.

I wrote to Mr. Pratt & Miss Cummings urging them to consider us an out station of Harbert — and include us in their circle, but they declined with thanks. I hear from outsiders that Dr. & Mrs. Horton, & Mr. & Mrs. Corey are coming South, but just how far I am yet ignorant. We should consider it a treat if they would do us the honor of a short visit. I think invitations have gone out, urging their extending their journey this far.

It is the same round of daily work that comes & goes day by day. Nothing new to report. So I will not take your time to read what is not news. Warm love to you both — and to all the children. When you write them, remember us to them.

Yours very truly. D. M. B. Thom

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REC'D JUL 20 1903

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~~ANS'D JUL 22 1903~~

Rev James L Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

It has seemed passing strange to me not to prepare, copy and send you our Tabular Views & Annual Report, as I have if I mistake not, about twenty times during these twenty eight years of my sojourn here. But for more reasons than one, it seemed best for our "station secretary" to be initiated this year, tho I have helped him in every way possible. I have tried very hard that he send them a month ago. I am very sorry for this delay and assure you it was not the fault of the station, and Mr. Carey has been very busy and, besides, given much time to the care of Mrs Carey whose condition even now, is far from promising, indeed is more than disquieting. The Dr. & Mrs A. have done their best for them these two months. They, and indeed all of us at the garden, are occupied and anxious just now over the grave condition of the English Vice Consul, Mr Dr Valdon, who, on coming to the garden with his tents almost immediately was stricken with what is supposed to be Typhoid Fever, and, it being impossible to secure a nurse this burden comes on our ladies largely.

Dr. & Mrs Harris are the guests of the Barnums here in the city. Dr H. & Mr H. have gone for a brief trip to Egin. The visit of the H.'s here will probably extend to a month in all. They are delightful people and their visit a blessing in many ways.

You will sympathize with us in the continued confinement of Prof. Nerghes Tenikijian, on the utterly groundless charge of disloyalty to the government. There has been much anxiety throughout the city and plain and our Consul has done his utmost to allay the excitement and do all possible to bring the Prof to trial & discharge.

We suppose there is some connection with this and the recent telegrams fr. Leichman strongly advising us to give up our Annual Meeting at Van, as also does Mr Peet. Probably they have good reasons for advising this step, and we have so decided greatly to our regret as we know it will be to yours.

Had we known there was to be no A. M. our plans would have been different, as now the whole Mission force is available for the Training Class and I could have been released earlier whereas we thought Messrs C. & H. would be absent 6-8 weeks or longer if they returned via Erzroom, Erzingan &c. As it is we can hardly change now, unless something unexpected occurs, since Miss D. expects to return with us and she strongly urges our not starting until after the opening of the college - say Sept. 14-15, which we now regard as the probable date of our leaving Harpoot, which would bring us to Samsun near the last of the Sept. month and it would prove most fortunate if Miss Wilson could arrive at S. about that time.

We deeply regret that Miss Wilson is not to return this year. No part of our educational work needs the hardest kind of work as does the Kindergarten Dept. This is woefully behind the other depts. but I suppose we must wait, even with the uncertainty of Mr's return.

Others may have written how poorly Alice Bush has been the past year and longer, tho she has commanded me to say nothing about it. Even now I would not allude to it, save to suggest the possibility of her not being able long to continue her touring work.

Where is her successor, worthy to take up her mantle and carry out our principles of work not so much for us as thro the churches.

I have been thinking for a long time of one whom we know, who knows our method of working and I believe would do admirably to carry on Alice's work. Would I could say the same of my own!

Of course you anticipate my naming Annie Allen, tho I fear her coming immediately you may think impossible.

But the remaining older missionaries cannot remain much longer, hence provision should be made in time, as I have said often.

This suggestion is simply a personal one, shared with none here, tho, I know of none who would oppose it.

I have been thinking much of Alice, these days and of her future work. I do not wish to allude to what you know is such a keen disappointment to me, save to make a mere suggestion. Alice will probably remain then a year if not longer.

We constantly hear of her unusual success as a speaker. If I recover fr. my anticipated operation, would it not pay the W.F.M.S. to make her a small allowance to speak for them while waiting.

Possibly father and daughter (here's modesty!) might be sent off together to stir up the churches &c. This may be quite impracticable. Alice knows nothing of this suggestion, wh please regard strictly private.

June 24

To my amazement, at our station meeting yesterday after I had written the above, Dr B moved Annie be invited to come at once which I as heartily seconded. Aunt Hattie and Miss B will be returning soon, perhaps next year, (with the Barnums?) This I heartily second now as I have already expressed my mind to you. Can Annie come with Miss Wilson? She might help in the Kindergarden till Miss Barnum returns. She would be such a help to Emma in the school next year.

What a joy to Mr. A. to have Herbert and Annie return to Turkey. I can measure it somewhat by my feeling in leaving.

Shore will write of the absence of crowds and of public examinations, exhibitions &c this year, so this week is comparatively quiet. Conditions about us seemed to make it prudent - and the utter weariness of the teachers made it more than acceptable. Theresa H. escaped - June 1st, fortunately.

I continue giving my boys three hours daily but they will have a week rest next week tho they do not want it. Mr. Higgs promises them & his, daily, thro vacation.

If the Barnums H. & E. return next year and we, now, decide you are too absolutely necessary help is immediately?

As to our returning here, as you propose, without deciding definitely, the chances are against it - tho we pack away our goods.

With our old time love to Mrs B. yourself H. & M. and hoping your extra burdens will not prevent a good summer rest, and that we may see you all before long - Faithfully Yrs.

John E. Browne.

Lowell, Mass. June 23, 1902

Rev. J. K. Browne.

Harpoot July 28 1903

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

ANS'D SEP 10 1903

Last week Dr. Barnum received a letter fr. you saying you would answer mine this week but your double duties have prevented as the fact has come with no letter.

My chief object in writing today is to say Dr. Barnum begs we delay our departure until Sept 21-22, for a week after the date which we deferred to suit Miss Daniels plans. This time the object is to suit Miss D. again and to enable Misses Huntington and Hall to have a longer vacation at Cemple. A still further reason is to enable Miss Wilson to meet Misses H. & C. coming on with them and to all may have our road to ourselves & servant.

All of these are excellent reasons if I can delay so long safely. No one has come to have any definite opinion one way or the other, so I must see the rich and will stay, if possible.

I desire to make our plans entirely subordinate to the general good - if possible I think I need not say this.

If however I find by my feelings I ought not to delay - Mrs. B. and I must leave & Mary & Carr can come later

I've indeed fr. C. thinks the stationmaster has asked Q. Tell to write her a vacation, to return to the U.S. with us wh her present condition surely seems to demand as she has been in bed at the garden a week & is still very weak. It will be very hard for our venerable "auntie" to get along here without her life long help but H. will come in another year

For various reasons our "Garden" has been quite a "fashionable resort" and the old time quiet & rest have gone

The English vice consul brought six large tents and corresponding retinue but has been very sick a month and will pull thro with difficulty fr typhoid fever

The German physician & wife are also there fr health and the German Dr. & family fr Diarbekir are expecting to come.

Dr Thomson's family are inmates of our family this summer. Mr Andrus & Miss Finnegan have just return to Mardin. Dr T. plans to come up in Sept. &c. &c. &c.

Of course we wish to be unselfish as far as is practicable but we keep pegging away at our work, the year round like good elf, and a quiet home during the hot summer in place of a vacation, would be a boon beyond price. This sounds selfish perhaps it is, if so pardonable perhaps in a sick and tired man. Be every H. B.

Ans'd SEP 21 1903

Harpoot August 27th 1903

Ans'd SEP 29 1903

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton.

Yours of July 25 gladly received by last post. From your words in Dr. Barnum's letter I had expected this some weeks ago, but, as you say, letters do accumulate rapidly especially in the office of one doing three men's work.

This is probably my last to you from Harpoot for some time as we are expecting to start on or about Sept 7. You or I am still not any wiser, this time, on account of the precarious state of Miss Bush's health. She has been steadily running down for a long time tho it is only recently she would acknowledge it. Now she has been in bed, or as good as that, for weeks and I shall be greatly relieved if she be ready to start & travel with us. Like Dr. B., when she gives up, she has no reserve strength to fall back upon and must be tended with extreme care.

Mary D. is not sick but at the last extremity of nervous exhaustion, having carried all the burden of preparing for the coming year's schools. If she holds out these last two weeks without breaking down utterly, I shall be immensely relieved and grateful. You see why we could not let Theresa and Ada wait for Miss Wilson. That arrangement was an ideal but not a practicable one. Emma, however willing, could not have carried the burden of this unwieldy mass of girls. Annie Allen's coming would have furnished just the help needed. She might have been a great and immediate help in these schools here.

You write: "The W.B.M. have decided that they cannot send Annie to Harpoot or in fact anywhere in the Turkish Missions now," as they are appointing missionaries only to fill vacancies! If I could have seen your face I might possibly have told whether that were said in earnest or in joke. The context will indicate you said it soberly. Let me say then quite as soberly:

Considering that Miss Williams service cannot be available for a year; considering that Miss Platt's return is entirely problematical at least; considering that Miss D.'s absence in U.S. is for an indefinite time; considering that there is little hope that Miss Hall can help at all schools and we are far from sure of her return; considering that our lady teacher leaves without any substitute here; really now, in sober earnest, cannot, don't you think this condition of the W.B.M. would have been fully met in sending Annie here?! Now can you smile very broadly. Just wait till I see that same W.B.M. and ask them how much they mean by "filling a vacancy", if they mean, usually, more than filling the place of them or you!

I think it a capital appointment Herbert's going to take charge of that school at Bordeaux, but I think he should have gone alone. I predict ere before long C.C.A. will be found at Harpoot; then will be renewed that old time pressure for the rest to come here, but I may be meddling with what may not or does not longer concern me.

Our last letter from the Wuhling was almost a reproduction of this oft repeated extravagant laudation of H. & A. and their "eminent fitness &c, &c, &c." All of which may be true. God give them all largest success, but it doesn't make follow they would find it here, tho Annie might if alone.

I have carefully avoided any reference to political conditions as I know you have most minute information from others, but it is such as to cause us great disquiet and I feel extremely unwilling to leave under these delicate circumstances tho all in our circle and outside as well know that our leaving has nothing to do with present conditions. I have spoken once and again about remaining but they will not consent to even talk about it.

"Go as quickly as you can & return in the same way" is the substance of their wishes. They go so far as to say, & this many times, that the reopening of the Theol. School must depend on my return!

On this thing at least all our helpers are at one and in all their silent visits and good byes, they reiterate & re emphasize the extreme need of this seminary for the life & development of this immense field; one going so far as to say: "we could better afford to part with all this higher education (college) than this school of the prophets for whom the need is far greater than for college graduates"

Pastor Giragos of Mezerek says: "If you do not persuade the Board that the greatest of all needs at Harpoot is a Theol. Seminary, all the pastors will regard you as the chief cause of its not being reopened"

I repeat these as mere samples of their feelings as to the prospect of their not being a Theol. Sem. To a man they are strongly opposed to our sending candidates to Marash & Marsovan. The young men, too, are generally reluctant to go, tho we have tried hard this summer to send to Marsovan. Many hope the next year our will reopen.

My ideal is the "One Central Seminary for the three Turkish Missions" you know

If as it would seem, this is thought impracticable there, at the Home, then I have not a shadow of doubt of the pressing necessity of reopening our Seminary here, and that, too, at the earliest practicable date. Of this I am ready to speak at length when we meet. Let me add however if this judgement be correct, then preparation for rebuilding should be made here this fall and winter. The Seminary (and large "Assembly Hall") should be built before the time of permission expires — and present the coming summer on the state, which will then remove. Well, With a fitting building & library & teachers, I promise you an entering class of 10-12, and our work would enter on a new era.

I am not sure but this and all it involves would be the greatest possible means of re establishing the old time close & sympathetic relations with our fellow workers who now seem one of the "lost arts". As they all have so set their hearts on this, they doubtless would rejoice to cooperate with us in encouraging for the first, its success. Hence, from every point of view this reopening of the Seminary here, this requiring so much, is fully warranted & is bright with promise.

You are not forgetting what I have written, of the close connection of the foregoing & Mr Carey's remaining here. I do assure again he will not be content to remain here long and be only a teacher in the college. Neither his health nor Mrs. Carey's, nor there is other reason, permit his being a stationary missy. He may be obliged to expand his business with our "training class" in order to take additional burdens in the college — some of Jenkins's work — but most unwillingly. He is not as strong physically as we would like, but he appears himself an ardent and stimulating teacher & preacher when we would not lose.

I have not spoken, in my correspondence, of many things of vital importance to the welfare of our work because of being such to the happiness of individuals in the station. I have not done so because time (sometimes) does wonders in softening and healing & correcting, and so I have seen no good in calling attention to them.

Mr. & Mrs. C have had much to learn and unlearn and have had hard discipline to endure like most of us. But this is proving if hard yet invaluable and they are growing decidedly as christians first and therefore as missionaries. Mrs C's ill health the last five months she has spent in bed almost continually has greatly enriched her spiritual life and that of her husband.

Mrs Brown & I have finally succeeded in getting into Mrs C's hands a distinct department of industrial work, lace, embroidery, &c. She is a woman of marked taste as well as her husband, and has had artistic training, so she has not only unusual fitness for this work but having a special and congenial field for her gifts will call forth ambition and effort & make her feel she has an important place & mission here. You can see that when she realizes this how largely this will conduce to filling her mind & heart with content and so Mr. C's ambition.

They are yet to become very valuable members of our station if pains are taken to open lines of service congenial & suited to their latitude.

My great pain in leaving is my fear that the great touring work carried with our present force be carried on effectively. Mr. Kapp has more than he can do thoroughly right here in Harpoot, and this, I fear, is far more congenial to him than touring

I think I wrote you of Miss Leymann's proposing to the station that she accompany us especially her beloved companion "Caro" to the U.S., and that Dr. B. decided she must wait for their return. Since then Miss L. & I have had many talks on this subject but I think she has now definitely decided to remain another year. She has changed very much as you will see & needs to return soon. I speak of this as an additional reason why Annie come at once. You see I cannot wait to talk these things over with you, other things can wait, but we need at least one who can take hold immediately. The W.T.B.M. does not begin to realize how their work here is crippling. They cannot afford not to send one at once if they have to borrow the money.

You speak most kindly of Miss Peaking for the Board with us perhaps. Poor Alice, how my heart aches for the blessed girl, as she conceals from us all her pain. Not from me but from many little things we infer the health of her inactive choice is a well nigh untearable burden, tho she conceals & bears all with Spartan spirit. I allude to this in utmost confidence but it is an important element in determining her future, and one of which I have just become aware. Her W. has done nothing for a year. We must do everything in our power to further her advertising work that with God's gracious help may succeed in keeping from sinking.

This is probably my last — so Mr. dear Sec'y apologize. Before I can see you those yr & the W.T.B.M. will have come to our relief, then, as of secondary moment family & personal interests. With love to Mrs. B. yourself & family, I am ever John L. Browne

Kanpoor, India, Jan 27, 1903

Rev. Geo. Pierce, Pinzza dei Spagni, Roma, Italy

Look to Amt. Rec'd. 20 or letter mail, mark me, c/o

OCT 17 1903

Coni pk Sept. 30 - 1903

Rev James L. Barton DD

Dear Dr Barton

Your kind favor of Sept 10, with others, we found on arriving here on / ev. of Sept. 27. - Many many thanks for the kind words of welcome and cheer.

We came directly here to the rooms now vacant, formerly occupied by the Peets, where we stay, sending out for our necessary food, which we find a most frugal & to me, most convenient & necessary arrangement as it saves me travelling about & I am nearly all right here.

Would it not prove a good investment pecuniarily & otherwise, if / Board would keep these vacant rooms in shape to receive missionaries in transitu, rather than make them a burden to their patient miss. families, saving hotel expenses & wear of time?

Starting fr Hartford Sept 4, we spent the first sabbath in Malatia, the next in Lima, the third in Marsovan and part of the fourth here, arriving in Boaphorus 3 P.M. We intend leaving to morrow, Oct 1. to reach Naples Oct. 6 & sail fr. N. for N.Y. on North German Lloyd's s.s. "Lahn" Oct. 16. hoping to reach N.Y. Oct. 26, D.V. Dr. Creegan will not be there, I believe, but we will go, as soon as possible to Central Station - for Boston, possibly spending one night in N.Y. if we arrive there late. - This, supposing all things go as well as hitherto. So far as here, I have come as comfortably as I had hoped - by walking & riding alternately, taking us a little over three weeks, - as you see.

Mr Pratt had already engaged our s.s. to sail fr. Naples Oct. 16. It remained for us simply to decide on our route to Naples. This too, had been practically decided for us so we gave up the route we had selected, viz: Trieste, Venice & down thro Italy to Naples, on wh. ladies had set their hearts! The reason why we changed, was that we might take charge of Dr. & Mrs. Farnsworth who plainly might not travel alone & who have been long waiting for us. Thus seemed only plained duty to accept this trust so we have tried to cheerfully accept this as, possibly, my last missionary service for Turkey.

You may have heard we were forced to send back to Marsovan Mary D. with Dr. Carrington because of a bad sprain to her ankle in stepping fr. her araba. Dr. C. said it was impossible for her to go on with us so she remains in hospital at M. but hopes to come on in a month. It was a great disappointment to us all.

Miss Buck's health has improved much. Mrs Browne alone was sick on Black Sea but is otherwise quite well. My general health is as good as usual.

Had a most interesting & pleasant
call on Mr Leitman Monday P.M.
He advises, as do highest Turkish officials
that Mrs Anna & Mrs Norton return to Harpoot
so does Dr Gates & Anna, as calculated to produce a good
& salutary effect on native community.
I found nothing in least disturbing fr. H. to
Cornelia, not even taking a zabtieh. I fear
there has been exciting exaggerations on
part of our country's representatives here.
Dr. G. said, yesterday, Cornelia was safest and
quietest city in the empire. Course source
of danger anxiety & danger is in north. – –
It will be quite unnecessary to gratify the
curiosity of Chr. abroad Turkey when I am
able to speak, if that time ever comes.
You have too many nice & true fr. Turkey. I fear
Those clouds at H will soon blow away with
fairer skies & warmer sun than ever.
Hoping to see you all soon, with regards to
Mr B., & any who may inquire. As ever yours,
John K. Browne

Rec'd OCT 17 1903

Vienna P.M. Sept. 30, '03

Dear Dr Bacon.

Mr. Peet has just told me that the Board has closed the year without debt. Thank God for such good news! & we and you warmest congratulations. My first exclamation to Mr Peet was: "Then I'm going to have something warm to eat wh. I have not had since Jeanne".

Mr. Peet thinks our road expenses will prove very moderate, as I have always tried to make them, you know.

My ladies rather squirm sometimes but they are open to reason.

Still no definite news fr Mrs Wilson. Our road servant still waits at Samoa. Mrs Dr. Norton hopes to return to H. with Misses W. & G. if they come soon. We hear with pain, th Dr N. will be sent

to Beirut probably by next spring. The
is more acceptable to his lady than to him
We shall feel her loss keenly in every way

I forgot to say before, many of our old
pastors & preachers sent you their warm
regards. I write this lest I forget when
I see you. You are still remembered
well — in many parts of our field as well
as in Hartford. If you ever get
out of a job your place is still wide open

Dr. Gates told me yesterday that he
heard fr Mrs. Norton & Mr Cary he
wished to be transferred fr H. to some
other station. I said I had not heard
it while at H. tho, as I have written you
I thought he was discontented there
H. is far fr being an ideal station, in
many respects but I am bound to say I
not know — many better for work

Once more, with grateful love,

John C. Brown

Rev. J. K. Browne.

West Brookville Maine

Friday Dec. 4 1903

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

~~Dear~~ Dr. Barton

I heard, but did not see your departure fr. Dr. Beach's home, with him, last Mon. eve'g. Tuesday, I hired a fur coat at $1.00 a week & towards eve procured other extra fittings as the Profs seemed excessively anxious about my safety fr. the "exposure to a Maine winter" I found I could only maintain an appearance of sanity by buying thicker socks &c &c — They had the idea I was "throwing away a most valuable life in the forlorn hope of arousing a foreign mission spirit among the frozen churches of Maine Hancock Co." as one Prof put it. I am more & more inclined to respect his opinion, tho I laughed at him at the time. I fear we or some one has made a mistake

in choosing the time, at least, the company
~~I~~ did not realize the rigor of a Maine winter.
Unfortunately this time taken me away,
almost wholly for the N. N. ~~[illegible]~~ for the
place by wagon, sleigh, boat (row) or steamer
Monday, no Tues. eve we crossed the Penobscot
in a row boat & returned next morning in
same way. Our audience at Winterport
60 & but it made up in earnest attention & fervor.
Wednesday was at Orland & had about same
no. present who dayed half an hour after the
meeting of 1½ hrs. was over, some accompanying me home.
Next day hired a team for Castine 15 miles &
we reached by noon, in a raging snow storm.
Prof. Hurlbut provided "a fine audience"
here, "Normal School teachers & pupils" &c &c
At time of meeting Mr. Walker & I entered the
large church & found only organist, blower &
one singer. By waiting nearly half an hour,

Let me say, however, as I did to a Eastern lady "No, no I am far from discouraged but only disappointed" at such coldness & indifference among the ministry who do so little: ~~I don't see if~~ they never encourage or urge ~~anyone~~ to attend.

The pastor here, Rev. Herbert L. Packard, was one year with Alice at Hartford & is all enthusiasm & I am expecting a crowing meeting even tho small to night. More & more I am convinced that the prevailing apathy of chs. in For. Miss. & other things is due largely to that of their pastors!

It has been a real joy, almost inspiration, to me to see how quickly these communities wake up & acknowledge after meeting: "Thought no idea For. Missions was such an all fired good thing"!

It's better than a play to have a sit down with these honest farmer folk & let yourself go and watch them, - old & young warm up & enthuse. Give me decent weather & audiences & Lack no better fun or "work".

had 18, including blown, sexton + children
a ch seating 350. Inspiring to a speaker —
Spitched in, however, the ch. was cold, still, the people
fought against us, when we let them go at 9 clock
they simply wouldn't go, so we had another afternoon
I suppose we had no right to say: what a waste
ammunition to bring down so few people, + yet, who
knows! Still one naturally enjoys speaking to
more than a handfull, in a big cold church, let
the result be what it may. "Its hard sledding",
they say here about, but I'm glad it comes to me
rather than the other two boys.
Another thing beside the season is the fact that,
for place where I have spoken this is the first
where I have found any factor + some other places
on my list are in the same condition.
Thus, I have been at Orono + Castine when their
schools were having vacation. I mention these
things to emphasize "somebody has blundered".

Blue Hill Dec 7

"Good Timing & I am in em," says Glory the Irish
and so say I. We had a packed church at
West Brooksville and here at Blue Hill too,
where is a fine Academy. I [illegible] "
both places & honest work done* Believe permanent
The first to greet me heartily to day was a dear
Repa sister in law to Charles Allen, who is
teacher in the Academy. They kept me at it
15-20 min. after I was closing yesterday. Ah
then changed the evening meeting fr. the "vestry" to
the audience room and the big house was just
completely filled & remarkably attentive
It was the very best day yet & very profitable too,
& we go on our way rejoicing I assure you.
Only regret is we cannot get in but one address
in each place, tell the a far better than none.
At least half of our audience remain after
meetings are dismissed & some in question lost &
I am not sure but this is most fruitful part.

If you would like to see tired out audiences
and speakers, take a trip up the Pacific coast. For
my health is fine, my appetite fine and my
[illegible] I can produce many
[illegible] up like a top, humming & all

Please hand the enclosed invitation from
Randolph to Mr. W. asking him if the date will
conflict with any of my other engagements or with
the Conv. Campaign, & to answer accordingly.
I have this & all my engagements in his hands
now there are this trip will last on till the third or
fourth Dec. — All of you there at the Rooms, you
need not worry about my health, not a cent I am
in capital condition & high spirits & out of the world
& I see before me a week or two of rare enjoyment
If I find myself too tired or not feeling first rate,
I will retire & run no risk. Now believe me the
happiest you get hopeful news for the other campaigners
We all warm regards to all at the Rooms. Hoping you
Yours R. Brown

Rev. J. K. Browne,

Rec'd FEB 17 1904

Ans'd FEB 19 1904

New Haven, Conn. Feby 17th 1904

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Yours of Feby 12 sent me by Mrs Barton, missed at Middletown. To day we had a splendid time with the Middlesex Conference at Higganum, with large & enthusiastic attendance, & have now come down here to start out on two daily addresses to morrow and for two weeks.

Now for your suggestion as to my speaking at Pilgrim Ch. Cambridge on sabbath evening March 6th. There is not much drain to do so simply because all the Brown family - six of us, are members of that church and they are so dead as to Missions that they wish to put me to speak on a sabbath evening when their attendance, in their chapel -

would not amount to a fourth of the Attendance
I do not believe in treating Fr. Mac. in the so
of way & so, they being my own church &
disinclined to speak unless they give me
sabbath morning - at least.
Per contra - I have partly promised the pas
of the North Church Lynn for the sabbath
to speak to the crowd of Armenians there in
P.M. or Eve. If you and the wills, engage me the
for March 6, and the Kennedy of Lowell
for March 13, and I am partially engaged
for the other sabbaths in March
I am a little tired but can get thro
two more all right - Shop and Stat
things as easy as usual.
Regards to all or any inquiring at
Rooms and especially to Mack, Hand and
Howard, also to Allen & believe me ever
Yours to command
Jno. E. Browne.

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Rec'd APR 13 1904

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REV. CHARLES C. CREEGAN, DISTRICT SECRETARY,
CONGREGATIONAL ROOMS,
FOURTH AVE. AND 22D ST., NEW YORK.

New York April 12th 1904

Rev. Geo. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Had a most delightful because profitable day at Briarcliff last sabbath. Harpoot doesn't take large stock in sweet words. Mesimo would starve on that diet, the taffy helps the digestion — sometimes — in moderation

Spoke three times and did some "personal work" at Briarcliffe. On leaving the "Briarcliff Bible Class" in the P.M., the lady principal handed the pastor, for me — who means the Board, a check for $100.! The pastor promises to light — or more — on their contribution to the Board. Besides, above, the sick Mrs Lowrie gave me $30. a year for four years — at least — which I was prevailed upon to accept "for a girl's memory" for a scholarship in the college at Harpoot.

I find Dr. C's at Janet's as to Peabody's ch. at Hartford wh I have engaged to address May 15. To morrow I am invited to take Dr Raine's place for time, at the Manhattan Association at the "Chelsea" You've heard of the Jerusalem "deader than Chelsea"! They'll understand it better hereafter.

Regards to all at the Rooms inquiring. Faithfully

John H. Browne

New York, Apr. 12, 1904.

Rev. J. K. Browne
Boston, Mass

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American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

14 Beacon Street, Boston, Sept 6th 1907

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Please find inclosed letter for Dr. & Mrs Barnum received only yesterday. I had written them of my strong desire of returning once more especially after their vote directed to the Prud. Committee, and their (stations) fragrant letter of our appreciation.

I had written them, however, that my future return depended largely on Mrs B's health as Dr. Pomeroy said she could not come before next year even if then, and he had said to Mrs B. & also to me very positively that I ought not to leave Mrs B. with the care of the family here, neither ought she to go & try to live there without a home.

So I asked them what they thought of my coming for a few years alone. This is their reply, who you ought to see to know just how the question lies. This course this uncertainty ends to better for all concerned and.

If I can be employed profitably to the Board in a modest salary for say few years, well I should be glad to do it. If not then while working for the Board this year to complete 30 years service I might be looking out for some honest line of service for a few years as the needs of my family never need my work more. I am not impatient for an immediate solution, only this uncertainty is rather trying isn't it. Mrs R. was very miserable yesterday. I have begun to question if it would not be wiser to board than try to "keep house"

American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

14 Beacon Street, Boston, 19

Coming to the Rooms this A.M. Alice told me her errand which I have felt for a long time might be coming. God help the dear girl to bear her heavy burden, and Mr Williams, too. I hope this separation may "fix the mind of the Master" with all its energy.

Alice wishes to write you about it & proposes to do so to day, if possible, as she said: "he has certainly been a real second father to me, all these years & he should know it at once, as it may produce changes in my plans or work."

Dear me, nothing but changes upon changes. What will be the end of them.

Hoping you are finding restful days, & that the Father's blessing abides on them & you all, — Yours, in His service, Mrs K. Browne

Please tell Alice not to require any answer. Please return the letter when you come to the Rooms. I expect to go with Mr Bond to Boston & Roxbury to-morrow & spend the Sabbath.

G. K. Bonne
La Crosse, Wis
Mar 20, 1905

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LA CROSSE, WIS. March 20th 1905

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your esteemed favor of March 16 finds me here. Many thanks for your very kind words: Nothing was said to me about this "proposition of becoming field agent for a year" - until I parted from Dr. Patton at Minneapolis when he spoke plainly. Little hints had been dropped all along the way, at Cleveland, Oberlin, Chicago, &c but I thought there were individual opinion, and the conventional "taffy".

I told Dr. Patton it was utterly out of the question for me to consider this if "for a year". I must now decide once for

all, what I am to do for my remaining years of service. I have come to the final parting of the ways. I must either return at once to Turkey, "finish my course there or change the nature of my missionary work and do the rest of it here. I cannot do both.

I wish something of this had been brought before me officially there that Enright & Carr very emphatically said that anything like of a temporary engagement I could not consider, seeing as all the agents of the Board are so regarded & elected annually.

I hope I have some 5-10 years of effective service remaining. I cannot decide that between the home & foreign fields. As a matter of performance of ease even, the work at Harpoot is vastly more attractive. Many things in this kind of work are distasteful to me.

Dr Hitchcock wrote me his desire that I might become associated with him, but persuading that Mrs Brown came & live at Chicago! You know how utterly impracticable this is even if I should be invited to become your permanent field agent. Our home must remain in the east whatever I do.

In fact, the obstacles to my trying to fill this position acceptably to all parties, seem to increase the more I consider it, and I am strongly tempted to write you to this effect this morning. Were it not for the problem of my family & Lucia's health I would not hesitate a moment. I would not even consider this question. Dr T. said "for a year" probably meant "an indefinite period." That may be his opinion merely.

Whatever may be the action of the Prud. Com. I hope nothing will be said outside the

soon until I return - time.

Some might assume that I would "g
at such a "flattering position" that bee
thing do not raise the greatness of the wor
Harport wd. make "great" any little pow
of it - even I could assume on return

As my mind is all tossed up
down & ~~tow~~ pulled to & fro as I try to com
fairly, unselfishly, obediently what our "g
Master" would have me do God help me
be charged & whole hearted in undiste
His will. I fear, above all things, mak
a mistake for His sake and for my o
I too "swing back & forward" until head
heart ache & I pray, with another: "How lo
O Lord, more light"! Write old time l
Mrs. R. yourself & family & regards to all at the R
Yes, in straitness of spirit J. K. Pa

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153 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, Saty May 6th 1905
3 o'clock P.M.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton: I have just reached this Chicago Office from Atlanta, wh. I left yesterday at 8.30 A.M., & as there was a bad smash up on the line, we not to run trains, I reached here 5 hrs late & find no one here. But I do feel what gladdens my heart more than I can express, and that is your blessed letter of welcome and fraternal sympathy. It is many, many a day when anything has so deeply touched and heartened me.

I confess I left Boston disturbed not to say worried, after seeing that you had felt something like pain that I had not conferred with you over more after finally deciding to remain, & before the meeting of the Prud. Com.

As I said, Monday, when I had my final talk with Dr. Patton, I realized nearly or quite an hour to see you but your room was thronged. Then I left with the intention of returning to lunch & talk it over, but I found I could not & met another engagement. Tuesday I did not come to town, and Wednesday I did & saw you was somewhat grieved.

If I gave you occasion, Dr. Barton to think that intentionally I was withholding my decision from you, believe me, I pray you, that, tho such a plan might well cause you pain, it never crossed my mind. If it had I should have despised myself

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I do not think there is a man living to whom I, and my whole family, feel so deeply indebted as to yourself. I am sure you know this. If you say, "then you should have overcome every obstacle to see & acquaint me with your decision" you may be right and now, I am extremely sorry I did not. Only believe me, there was no intention to keep it from you, for any conceivable reason. It is only practice to my profound gratitude & loyalty to you that I should say this much and appeal to the past, and the future to attest its truth.

Good appointments for me plenty awaiting me there for to morrow and I must hasten to my train for "Aurora". May this warm, be a prophecy of the "light" & blessing I earnestly pray may fall on my path from my Master's face, guidance & benediction if I am in the way of the appointment, as I believe I am — Psalm 27. 1

I could not go to this my first appointment without letting my heart express, hurriedly, but humbly this appreciation of your goodness to me & now go to my work with a heart strengthened and gladdened.

I send you the cursing second sheet of your letter to me, as I fear belongs to another. I want the stray second sheet of my letter — for keeps.

With sincerest regards, and to Mrs. Barton also, Most gratefully —

Chas. H. Brooks.

Rev. J. H. Browne

Chicago - Ill. May 6 - 05

Harpoot May 20 - 1905

My Dear Mrs. Barton J. K. Browne

First of all - please accept warmest thanks for all your efforts towards the reestablishment of my home here in Harpoot. Tho all H. circle have been extremely kind to me these three years - still I have missed my own little home more than I have dared express. Hence my deep appreciation of what I happen to know you have done so quietly yet so effectively in leading the Hanum to her decision. ~~I do hope~~ she may not too much regret returning.

I hope you agree with Mrs. B. in approving our action here so misunderstood by many - especially by Mrs Bird herself regarding her return to America. Personally I was almost bitterly condemned by her - my towering companion of thirty years. Missionaries must often be ready to have their judgment & even motives entirely condemned if they try to make duty supreme & sentiment, friendship, personal relations subordinate.

My position here at Harpoot since my return has been most difficult - If I wrote to the Rooms, it would be directly opposite to what I knew was being written by many. If I did not I was sure to be condemned at the Rooms. I weakly chose the latter and "have had my reward".

Heartfelt thanks to Dr. Woods for my copy of Dr. Barton's book in Turkish. I had already read & admired it. Dr. Woods is having it translated in Armenian & will see that it is being appreciatively noticed in the best Armenian papers.

Another thing I wish the Secretary would bear in mind, tho perhaps he does & I do him injustice on the bitter people I do not know where to find in Kentucky than there in the "White House" here only unconscionably perhaps they almost insanely vote - "in blocks of five" - - -
Now they are asking me to help get here Ernest Rigsby
I was invited back home ite three days. I do great hate to play the role of a "truculent minority" but, after all there are worse things, & however I may fall short I can honestly say I try to imitate Paul in Acts 24 16

Harford is so changed - everyway Especially Mrs. Brown must be disappointed in her return tho I have tried to prepare her for her lack of any home. I have been separated fr my home much heretofore, for months, - five months here once, & more than once in America once in '96 - 98, now for three years but somehow I can't seem to "get used to it" tho it may be my weakness

Mrs B. I suppose must come with the A. in Aug so I have another lonely summer of the Garden the crowds still left - seems near compared with indefinite years

Perhaps the Secretary cannot go thro the enclosed & return my heartfelt thanks
If you could run thro it & give him the substance -
With most cordial regards to you both and the children, too, Yrs. C. Brown

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153 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, Sat. May 20th 1905

Rev J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your favor of May 17 forwarded, has just reached me here. Your words of congratulation about ~~Indianapolis~~ Atlanta address bewilder me — as if you did not regard it a joke entirely. If you do not it is because your friendship does not let you see as keenly as a year ago. Any way your words are most pleasant to "take" when administered with such kind intent.

I am, on the contrary, deeply pained by the conduct of Dr Barnum Editor. I had no idea there was such a temper there

Had the news come earlier my decision might have been — but it didn't, so I used all the light God had given me up to that time, and I'm not going back on Him or my own judgment.

Still all this gives me great uneasiness for the immediate present — like I have no "anxious thought" for the future of Harper. Do not relax your efforts to select Harper's "coming man" & send him. It is never absent fr. my thoughts whenever I go. Herbert Gates is just leaving Chicago Sem. —, — but — pardon this — digression!

It will prove a great boon to Harper if, just at this juncture, some fine, level headed conservative man could be sent out with Rice. I hardly think the other stations will "kick" under the circumstances.

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Since returning fr Atlanta, the speaking nearly every day, I have heard little of any kind - concerning the "B. gift" - It strikes me the churches, if not the pastors, have taken rather cursorily - to not to say sick of the subject. Anyway I have met but one "fire testant" and he said: (Dr Cady of Dubuque - who very strongly urged my coming to his church) "I have said all I felt & the strongly - but I shall drop it - at least until next fall, either at the Federation of Chs. at N. Y. or at your Annual Meeting.

We stopped only a few hours at the Annual Assn of Illinois so I do not know what was said there, if anything. Then at the Annual Assn of Iowa a memorial came up fr. the Churches Assn & it was laid on the table

Chicago - Ill.
May 21, 1905.

non. con & summarily, with a great sense of relief & the fervent at most of the sessions. I heard not another word fr. anyone, in public or private con fr Dr Cady, as above. Fr. some questions I have made here I should judge the majority of parties in this state were decidedly versus the pro Atlanta. That is simply an opinion without the facts.

Dr Gladden in his address here, before a moderately sized audience made no reference to the question but next morning had a his colic "Interview" report wh made some of the parties "raving mad".

I have now, still, four weeks of daily addresses before any lit up & all in our parts of this state. I'm back, but never more grateful, as ever,

John H. Browne

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
BURTON E. MARSH, Pastor

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SLOAN, IOWA. Mgr. May 22 '85

Pardon the change of paper as I cannot get at mine. Continuing —

I should judge the great majority of our pastors in Iowa sustained the decision of the Board, — tho nothing was said in or about the Association. It was no live issue. The great church there at Iowa City & the pastor is "counted as a man in defending the Board."

By the way, if you should have occasion to communicate or desire information concerning this (western) Iowa church, I suggest this Dr. Frizzel as a man of tact, prominence & thoroughly loyal. If you needed a first-, which has thought better in time & he urges my coming again next fall! Pardon this haste. Regards to any enquiring friends & find your faithful Eng. to command

E. K. Brown

J. K. Browne

Sloan Iowa. May 22 - 1905.

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District of the Interior States,
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153 La Salle Street, Chicago, July Third 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

Your note of June 27, with letter from Dr Thom, reached me at Ottumwa, at the close of my five weeks, no sir, - in Iowa. I thank you heartily for your cheery appreciative words.

You know the character of this work so well, have so thoroughly sounded its depths and shoals, I need say nothing about it in general.

Some encouragement of an unexpected quarter comes to me. Han received a letter with words of cheer fr an old gent enclosing a check for $25. "for your own use & this will not diminish but increase my annual gift to the dear old Board" Of course I did not take it but Han written town to him how he would like it used if used at Harpoot &c

He writes quite "contankerous" & says if I don't help at least half of it, he will know how to dispose of his money elsewhere &c &c, & and get huffy & write him just how it was used

So I will give half to Mex Girls as a use Emergency Fund in turning

On the other hand, Han seldom met such discouraging work. It takes all one's mettle to be bright & cheery - with a handfull in a big church, at a time when there are grave philosophies, communments, & musings every evening, with rains daily, mud almost to the hub, muggy, suffocating weather, and pastors, generally, far fr helpful to your success.

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To this there are splendid exceptions, especially among the smaller churches and I have had some rare experience among many such.

Amid all my engagements the past three weeks, I have heard of the "Rockfeller Gift" but once, & then, highly approving the Board's action.

I speak here in Chicago this week, & sunday at Dr Thorp's and your "Billy Bartlett" wishes me for a sabbath in Sept. or Nov.

Next Monday I depart, for the rest of this month, in Michigan, thence I "wend my weary way" towards the benighted East, not for an "outing" so much as an "inning" - that's what I'm after now.

Many thanks for your kind office for Arthur. He has $5. "all found" at Holden, tho I would have preferred something harder.

I shall have completed six months of this service by Sept. 1st, wh. is also the 25th anniversary of my entrance into the For. Miss Work.

What say you, would you advise me to resign to the Board as a missionary, or let it remain & finish complete my years service here with Dr H., and then determine as God then shows me my duty?

Hoping that you & all the Barton household may enjoy a thoroughly restful & delightful summer, I remain to command

Jno. E. Browne.

J. K. Crowns

Chicago - Ill July 3 - 1905.

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Ans'd OCT 17 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

I have just had a chat with Drs Patton & Hitchcock who referred to your conversation with them about my future work here abouts. I agree with your judgement largely, in this as in most things. I am too old a dog to learn new tricks. I doubt whether I can be turned into a regular beggar enough for the Board, and that seems to be the work expected of me. I think, with you, that whatever working power I still possess it is far more available for service in Turkey than has provided. I am to be largely a collecting agent. My taste as well as training hardly fits me for such employment. Hence the probability now seems that I shall be available again for Turkey next spring if Harpoot accepts such an old and single man, tho Dr Barnum decidedly objects to or rather does not approve I think.

But if I return to Harpoot it must be alone — that's out.
Hence if I consider Harpoot I must for living alone
there & returning in from 3 to 5 years & farther.

Dr Patton spoke very frankly, sympathetically yet plainly.
He wants — and hardly lies, Dr. H., tho not so outspoken on this —
a man who can hustle, double the gifts of churches & persons
and raise that million this year — and so in coming years.

Had I realized this, in time, I could ~~not~~ have
gotten ready, I think, and returned with Miss Bush.

My object in writing this desultory remarks is this:
Not regarding me as definitely engaged to return to Harp.
recent indications seem to point to the probability, tho perhaps
it would be prudent & wise that nothing be said about this.

You see I am speaking as usual, without reservations as a
friend who has always proved himself even more than one to
me. After the meetings Mon. I start Mon. night for Minn. &
several other State Scns. Yours most loyally & faithfully

John E. Brown.

Chicago Ill.
J. E. Brown
Sept. 30 - 1905.

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Cherokee, Iowa, Oct 23rd 1905

Rev James L. Paxton, D.D.

My Dear Dr. Paxton

Your frank and kind letter reached me late to day. Thanks for all you wrote. Your surmise is entirely correct. Nothing — in the words of any who urged me so strongly to enter this work intimated their expectations that I should become, what is now expressed so plainly, more than anything else, if not this only, a solicitor, collector ~~pay~~ yea, paymaster of funds.

Dr. H. writes me he believes me, as abundantly fitted for this service also, if I address myself to it, as to that of enlisting & educating the people. His appreciative friendship affects his judgment as yours does not.

Tho nothing has been so said, I infer that it is not the intention of the Prud. Com. to give Dr H. two Asists, hence, tho my service here will terminate with the completion of my year Hard, if this be their thought I hope Dr P. will write me so.

J. H. Browne

Cherokee Iowa. Oct. 23 - 1905.

in which case I might as well keep on working till March 1. without a visit home as he so kindly granted when in C.

Dr Conyda said to me while here that if I did not remain at Chicago after this year he would like my services

He probably forgot that the same lack in my service would exist there as here. Neither Dr P. or the Prud Com. would not care to continue my present allowance to work there any more than here

If my health (how ridiculous!) but if my health should not permit my return to Turkey, what then! Supply pulpits at $10. a sabbath or what!

Tho I am as much a "fool" as Paul I can say the ch where I spent last sabbath propose to raise their gifts fr. $192. last year to at least $500. this year. Yet, oh heavy! I am not perfectly sure this is the wisest & best thing for my future service to Christ -- and the Board!!

You see my unfitness for money-getting!! Cordially

Jas. H. Browne.

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Rev. James H. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

I send you Dr Barnum's letter just received for Emily. I will add a word before meeting begins. A driving fine snow storm this morning will affect our meeting here. We have hitherto had fine weather & fair success, as to money, otherwise I think the meetings have done much good. $350.-$400. in cash perhaps will be the results, pecuniary in Lincoln & Iowa City. We expected more here. Of course larger results are seen in the East.

I am overwhelmed by Mrs Carey's death. My heart goes out to dear Mrs C. to whom I owe so much. Will this affect his remaining of H. and Dr. Atkinson? Please do not answer. I may be delayed here into April. Heartily yrs

Jas. H. Browne

J. H. Browne

Des. Moines Iowa. Feb. 2-1906.

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153 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, Friday Feby 9 1906

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton: Your favor of Feb. 1st, Jan. 27 has found me here. I am in "journeyings oft" so much these days letters follow me long-before reaching me. I had heard fr. Mrs. Browne of Mrs. Carey's death. In fact I heard of it on a train and could not believe it until Mrs B. confirmed it. Poor Mr Carey, and poor Harport! Blow upon blow, & this is simply overwhelming, while I reckon it will not be long before we hear aunt Hattie has gone.

I cannot realize these great changes and all they involve at H. I wrote to Mr C. at once on getting Mrs. B's letter but it was hard to say anything that was even fitting to say at such a time.

I first saw, also, Mrs Bush's letter giving details of her death. Every detail seems to add poignancy to this terrible sorrow.

I shrink from thinking of its possible consequences there but I cannot but think it must cause changes in the circle there ere long.

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I suppose we can say the campaign is meeting our expectations which I hope were not extravagant, as it seems to fully meet if not surpass those of the pastors who so heartily second our efforts.

The meetings at Lincoln, after all expense, netted, at least $400.; at Sioux City $300.+; at Des Moines $700.; (the entire salary of C. H. B.) "whom they will claim if he returns, as their surplus missionary"; at Dubuque $360.; at Cedar Rapids $300.+ at Iowa City $100. - 150.

Small, comparatively, as these sums may seem, they double & treble their contributions of last year, in some case. & mean real self denial & effort & yet these sums represent these pledged which we were there and not the amounts which may be secured subsequently.

But the immediate and pecuniary results, I am confident, represent the smaller part of these results which, in most places, will be fruitful & abiding. We enjoy the meetings quite as much as the people, tho they do tax our strength severely. Faithfully yours,

Jno. H. Brown

J. V. Crowns

Chicago Ill. Feb. 9-1906.

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Rev. Jas. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

After sending you a note just now, Dr H. read me yours speaking of Dr Smith's illness and affliction. The Woman's Board met with a severe loss in Mrs Smith's death. This coming to Dr S. in his great and I fear increasing feebleness may result in a long if not permanent laying down of his burden there. I know that may be, with your additional burden of responsibility & correspondence. I have told Dr H. he must not ask you out here to speak under these conditions, altho I had anticipated such fun "touring" a little with you here also.

Dr H. had set his heart on your coming, and may not give you up but if he does it will be because asking you now would seem so very selfish. If I remain to help Dr H out thro this campaign how about my present allowance does it remain unchanged while I am here?

Hoping you may have grace upon grace for these new demands with special regards to Mrs B. & the children, Most sincerely yours,

Jno. H. Barrows

J. N. Browne

Chicago - Ill. Feb. 17-1906.

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153 LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO, Saturday Feb. 17th 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

We returned this A.M. from Ottawa Ill. where we hope to receive $500. and $700 was written at the banquet of about 75 men, all the $500. was given by Mr. Cattin, a corporate member of the Board.

I might to say, however, the W. Bible S. has hitherto secured from their church about $400 a year, the "poor" men giving usually $35. - $65 each year. That is about the proportion many churches thro the West give to the "Board" and to the "W. B. M. S." Don't you think Sec. H. needs an assistant?

At Ottawa I received yours of Feb. 13 enclosing Mr. Carey's. Many thanks for both. Mr. Brown has also received a cordial invitation from the church, the letter being written by Mrs. Bush. After one more & final conference with Mr. Brown I'll write my final answer.

Inspite I have very little hope Keila will return and I do think towards the it seems, from going back alone tho it will probably be so.

Hoping your meetings are proving a great success

Yours, in the fellowship of service, Jno. K. Browne.

J. E. Browne

Chicago - Ill. Feb. 17 - 1906.

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Rec'd MAR 22 1906
Ans'd MAR 26 1906

HOTEL PANTLIND, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.
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Grand Rapids, Mich. March 19 1906

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your favor of Mar 14 at hand. Dr Hitchcock had persuaded me I ought not to think of leaving him before May 1st "if I felt I ought to leave him at all" – tho he knows the the Prud.(?) Com. has cut off the expense of his "assistant." I spoke of his having Chamois help but he did not feel that to be enough. Perhaps you are aware – that this "campaign" represents but a part of my speaking, – hardly more than half, yet there is hardly one of our campaign meetings where I do not speak twice besides the A.H.C. meeting which I have led a no. of times. So I am busy enough tho we have such an affluence of speakers, eight here, to day besides Dr Hitchcock & seven besides the "stars" "the American statesman of China," who "bears his honors thick upon him."

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Grand Rapids, Mich. 190

As Dr Patton has not written me since I came west. I judge he reckons me already as outside his jurisdiction and within your, perhaps "preparing to return to Turkey"

You must not regard me as reluctant to go back if I consider conditions there. The work seems to me steadily retrograding. Miss Dwight has recently sent me the "places now occupied" and the "scanty supply of helpers", & the "enlarged amount of help desired for these few places", & the trouble openly made that "unless more help is given at once they must appeal to some other Society", probably the, means the Germans ever ready to bait them

Now suppose funds are at hand to "send me for three years", when the field is in this bitterness of spirit do you think it would be wise to send back a sixth missy? Is not opposed to my return, a howl would arise for helpers & people prejudicial to my influence.

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if, as they will reason, another missing means no addition, - if not so much less hope of any probable increase of funds for the work there. I confess I do not like to relinquish while the field is actually suffering for lack of money which all their energy in writing say is "absolutely necessary for keeping the outside work fr permanent injury." They frequently write me appeals for more funds.

I have sometimes thought that, possibly, moved by your close sympathy for all affecting any member of Harport and its semi circle, you might be influenced by consideration for me & the needs of my family, in the prospect of my soon finding myself without work here, as well as the needs of Harport.

You know how hardly I appreciate this & how grateful I am, still I know it is as much your principle as I trust it has ever been mine during all my service at Harport, to make the work its demands first & fundamental so this may be, merely, a subsequent kindness.

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Now my thought is about this - as between us
If I could be made profitable to the Board for
another year, say, east west north or and south,
then, I hope the following would result
furnishing a home
1 Dr Barnum & family will probably return, & also,
the great objection of "another mission family" be removed.
2 I am in hopes, then, tho not sure, to Mrs Browne
would accompany me & so the "needed missy home" -
not "three desolate widowers & so few homes."
3 Meanwhile, I devoutly trust sufficient funds will
be forthcoming to supply all reasonable needs of our
field as well as for the needs of the Seminary
4 If a new Theol Semy class be received this fall
my work can be done just as well its 2nd & 3rd years
5 In a word, the delay of a year in my return there
would not only be no injury to the general work,
it would be a real advantage, also to my future influence &
work there, to my family arrangements here & I
hope, to the general work of the Board here at home
Am I mistaken? Heartily Yours J. H. Browne

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P. S.

Of course there is the objection: "The Fund Committee will not vote your salary under the present stress". That wd be a fatal objection unless you know some wealthy man (or woman) who, for love of the Board, would be willing to furnish say $1,500. & the Board only traveling expense, as "a special donation to the Board" in this its time of sore need. I believe Lib'l giving for many many times that amount into its Treasury

This may not seem modest but I believe it true

I am saying this as friend to friend, may I say. Of course I have not hinted such a possibility to a soul but if you accept the above considerations I think you can make it practicable - to the great advantage of the work of the Kingdom here & in J. I am ready to go, tho reluctantly this summer, but I should far prefer going a year later. Personally, I do not long for another year here, unless it seem for the best interests of the work as well as for the personal considerations mentioned. Sincerely - D. K. B.

J. K. Browne

Grand Rapids Mich. Mar. 19-1906.

The Plymouth Congregational Church
Rev. R. Kidder Stetson, Pastor.
COR SUMMIT AND WABASHA,
EAST ST. LOUIS ILL.

Rec'd APR 17 1906

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Ans'd

St. Louis Mo.

Saturday, April 14-1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton: I do not wish to seem even to be impatient as to the question of my returning this year - or sept, but many such letters, as the enclosed from Dr Herring of Omaha, & almost daily enquiries, as from David Fales Mr. Pilkin, &c, &c make it seem desirable that I should know as soon as practicable.

Our campaign is over, probably resulting in $25.000; the ill but fruit will be seen in coming years

I hope you may see Dr Smith & learn from him the comparative merits or rather fruitfulness of the eastern & western campaigns. I think it is his conviction, as I know it is of the Chicago Committee & of large numbers of pastors that this campaign should be rigorously followed up to secure its largest and abiding results. What thinks the Cong. Com.

Tho a trifle late, let this convey to you and yours sincerest Easter greetings & good wishes.

With regards to any inquiring of me, right heartily yrs.,
(I have work here about for a week +) Jas. K. Browne

J. A. Brown

St. Louis-Mo. Apr. 14-1906

SPECIAL MEETING WITH THE
FIRST CHURCH OF OMAHA
MAY 2, 3 AND 4, 1906.

THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL OF
THE FOUNDING OF CONGRE-
GATIONALISM IN NEBRASKA

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GENERAL ASSOCIATION
OF
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES
IN NEBRASKA.

REV. GEORGE SCOTT, MODERATOR.
FRANK C. TAYLOR, CLERK.

OMAHA, NEB., April 10 1906.

J. H. Brownie

My Dear Pro:—

Some time after your most helpful visit to us last fall I wrote Prof Hitchcock to see if we could not secure another tour in Neb from you. But I found (mirabile dictu) that other people wanted you too.

Later on owing to the pressure of our campaign for self support I was obliged to forgo a share in the Lansdale campaign.

Now I am writing to see what your plans are for the coming season and whether I am to have the pleasure of beholding you again in the flesh

I suppose you will be so far away that we can hardly hope to have you at Assembly described in enclosed.

But I want to lay hands on you again as soon as I can. Mrs Herring and the family are well – We remember you with great gratitude. Faithfully Herring

Rec'd OCT 22 1906
Ans'd OCT 29 1906

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Harpoot Turkey Sept. 27-1906

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton.

This is not "a letter to the Rooms" but simply a word of greeting from over the seas to a friend left behind.

I have written to Lila of my long hard journey the most trying, in many ways I have ever — indeed, she may speak of some to Mrs Barton.

We waited so long at Sivas for Mrs Wait. I dismissed my orders but she picked up speedily & we proceeded after 5 days rest.

I entered Harpoot Sept. 25, in a great demonstration of jubilation, or, in Armenia it would be called "ovation", for W. F. Logan is tired to phenomenon.

Every member of the station especially, mum mind, this is spoil me at the outset.

Not a moment's peace. God bless you all

Yours, C. Brown

J. K. Browne

Harpoot - Turkey Sept. 27 - 1906.

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J. K. Browne

Harpoot Turkey. Oct. 9-1906.

Harpoot, Oct. 9. 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton.

It is just two weeks since I arrived and I can hardly say I am rested yet. I am hardly an inexperienced traveller but I fear I was more tired up than any of the party the first three days in my life or they were not boasting much!

I do not know how much Leila may have spoken of my companions or of the consequent care I felt but there are many experiences of which the least said the better. I will say however that Mrs. Wade was obliged to remain at Sivas five days, so of course I waited for her with much impatience. Mrs Perry accompanied her to Harpoot and is still the Knapp guest here, with Mr Perry, who came yesterday.

Mr. French has not been well since arriving and is still in Dr Atkinson's hands. He seems very despondent as well as physically weak.

I am afraid he is rather disappointing the station, the few have expressed their opinion. I may be wrong.

Arriving here Sept 25 I began lessons in the College & Seminary the next Monday Oct. 1.

At present I have but two regular lessons a day but this keeps me on the jump it being on mostly new ground, and I have much beside to take time & strength, such as no end of meetings.

I was chosen President of this extremely complicated Book Committee with nine members! but finally it was given to Mrs. Knapp.

I have received an exceedingly cordial welcome to say almost an enthusiastic reception from all, far exceeding anything I anticipated.

I have the lower part of the Carey house and board at the Knapps, not an ideal arrangement, but one for which I am grateful to all parties.

I am trying to buy back enough of our things, which were almost given away, to furnish one or two rooms but they are scattered far & wide.

Time, patience & big prices will effect it eventually.

Salt Lake City. Oct. 13

In reading the above I see how depressing its statements but they are true all the same. Things have changed much since three years. Putting aside now the coop. business and the unprecedented state of our treasury there is much to encourage. The College is very full and I judge, from present knowledge in excellent condition in all its departments. I do not know yet of its financial condition. I am sorry to say I find the Seminary in not so hopeful a condition as regards its popularity. I find a very strong prejudice against it among many pastors and many even members of the usually Coop. Com.

But I am not hopeless of helping to change the feeling tho it will require time.

Mr Tarry resigned the Presidency of the Seminary in my favor but I have persuaded him to retain it for the present at my urgent request.

He has greatly changed since three years and is even now one of the strongest men intellectually

[illegible] we shall not be able to do so. We are very sorry for this.

ya and spiritually — we have in Turkey — in spite of his radical theology which he is far more careful in expressing than formerly. It would be a bad day for Harpoot & Turkey if any sort of pressure should make him feel he ought to leave. May I presume to suggest that the Foreign Secretary's appreciative words would greatly hearten him, & give him directly what I try to assure him he has, viz. his confidence & approval.

Mezreh, Malatia, Arabkir, Egin, Peri, Chunchagosh, Cesarea, Caesarea, German & Tabriz all our large churches except Diarbekir are in the hands of the Germans. I find it so difficult to adjust myself to these changes.

Our own Orphan Dept is over $5000. in debt.

Is there no way in which we can get out of this miry clay quick and of debt so we can get a fair start again? Then hold me hereafter responsible if you find me in this case again.

On the whole, then, we have much of promise & great encouragement — if you can clear us of debt!!

Heartily Yrs. E. Browne

Dear Dr. Barton

We have a very earnest letter from Dr. Browne, which we will not comment on, but we will not comment for this. Just — consider what he has done, & what he is doing, & what we have to meet, & we are sure you will be willing to do what you can for him.

At our late Cooperation Meeting it was voted that I write to the Board requesting a grant of 200 £ Turkish, to enable the Hulakegh community to tear down & practically rebuild their old school and chapel buildings, which need repairing & enlarging very badly. This was voted on condition that they raise 300 £ T. (But what comes of any Mission letters?) I think it would be a wise expenditure and I hope it would prove the last they would ever ask as this would put them on their feet and keep them there tho they are a poor community.

I dont know about this cooperation business! They meet and vote our money for every thing they think necessary or desirable, while our treasurer (Knapp) says "every department of our work is heavily in debt"!!

When I mildly remonstrate & ask how we or they can so easily vote away what we dont possess, the answer comes: "But it would jeopardize all our present harmonious relations if we should refuse to give what they think the work requires."

Where is my plain simplicity Jack? But what is to be the end of running further & further into debt? "On the Million dollar Income will get us out." Perhaps comment on such financiering is superfluous.

Our business is some 75 % to the bad, a thing never heard of or dreamed during my 30 years here. This too, when we handed over our Lamson, the strongest & best part of our work, bound to the Philistines!! You see I am not up to this new way of carrying on missionary work. This thing must stop. I will not attend these so called co-operation meetings where we punish everything but ... talk. Why, my dear Dr. B. such a state of things is scandalous. I won't stay in a station which does business in such a reckless way. This isn't Karpoot at all, but what is it?

I can stand living alone, & many unpleasant things but such a state of things is farcical, shameful to us, as missionaries from Board to our Master. Can we not end this year with these debts paid? I'd like this enough for my first letter. Faithfully yours,

Jno. R. Brown

Four months after my return I hope to speak intelligently of present conditions & how they differ from those of three and one half years ago when leaving for America.

~~First~~ Probably the thing which immediately impresses one on entering this country - especially if he comes from America - is its political and economic condition, and the longer the stay here the deeper the impression. The Government here is everywhere and in everything much in evidence.

As far as our work is concerned we have always had - toleration. Now it seems to yield the most grudgingly may, is aggressive in all forms of obstruction not to say opposition, even in pushing unrighteous demands for taxes on school buildings legally exempt, which were so dilatory in granting permission to carry on our legitimate work.

What then of its relations with the christian population!

They try loyally to stagger along under their burdens of taxations, but now seem to be losing heart. They have not much strength left to endure and new taxes threaten soon to paralyze perhaps to overwhelm them. Ordinary safety for travel, for their crops, property, families seems gone while industries trade even farming seem under a blight. Over all an indefinite but universal fear hangs like a pall. Increasing poverty is making them lose their grip on life, while it is the universal testimony that the cost of living steadily advances.

Compare conditions at home with ours as these! The question then appears to us no longer what the end may be but if things continue thus, how long can the people work and live?

Second. Is it impertinent to ask what would be the spiritual condition of the churches at home, under such conditions? Among other causes than the above which may account for their retrogression are

1 – The suspension of our training work during the absence in America of the so called "Training missionaries" Our tendered colleagues could not take up this work without dropping their own Loss to the work either may. Our large district with its churches & schools has not been visited for many years.

2 – In spite of long years of heavy giving under such taxation & poverty, the scanty help of the Board has continued to diminish. Neither they nor their missionaries can understand this, knowing God's marvellous enrichment of America. They thought they heard God saying to them: "Freely ye have received, freely give"

3 – For many years, much of the vigor and promise of our communities have been transferred to America. Some of our churches have lost fully half their strength. Some count their losses by scores others reckon by hundreds. How have the home churches recompensed us for such loss?

4 – To prevent such increasing weakness of the churches reaching a point past remedy the missionaries have felt compelled to transfer the aid and care of several entire districts including many important churches to the Germans who came after the massacre of 1895 to open orphanages. How does this strike the affluent constituency of the Board? Where is the responsibility? This was done only after years of vain appeal. Would you could hear them say: "Why has our Board left us – in our time of greatest need – to the control of those we do not know? Friends & servants of Christ at home tell us how to answer them. God grant the results of this two may be overruled to His glory & the welfare of His kingdom!

Thirdly, surely there is enough of what should keep us long on our knees.
Now for a glance at some facts of the work full of richest promise.

During these four years Entire marked progress in our Educational Work

1 — Our Theological Seminary seems in a most prosperous condition. ~~Entirely~~ Last summer it graduated a class of eight. This year the same number have entered & at their graduation we expect at least as many more, which then three classes will hardly fill the places already needing them.

2 Our large plant belonging to the different departments of the College is taxed to the utmost. Classes have never been so large, the esprit de corps excellent, the teachers able & enthusiastic, one taking a two years course in Edinburgh, & the constituency of the College never so numerous enthusiastic and helpful. The faith & prayers of the givers of its early endowment with those of its loyal & generous graduates in England & America may well congratulate themselves on their investment.

3 — There has been also decided development in our Industrial Schools. They not only turn out excellent work in many trades but they form an important part of the practical education so necessary for this land while furnishing no small means of self support to those working their way thro' college, and an opening so needful in the Orient — of the nobility of manual as well as intellectual labor.

4 — I find our Orphan Work greatly changed. Diminished gifts from America and growth of the orphans have caused the transference of some to the Germans & the closing of others. These industries too have greatly improved while much attention is paid & success attained in forming the seven hundred still remaining an a credit to those in charge and scores if not hundreds of new christian homes attest their beneficent heritage.

Fourth — Of the many open doors swinging wide open before us, there is hardly one promising larger results than that of our Medical Work. Hitherto we have been greatly hampered every way by lack of means. There is only a good beginning towards suitable endowment for the hospital here at Harput but long needed course has been secured and a fine start made.

A most desirable site has just been presented to us for our Hospital to be located at the seat of government on the plain below us, and only lack of means prevents our building what we need so much, at an early day.

We have been most fortunate as to our second hospital to be located in the city of Diarbekir ninety miles south of us. For this, the entire endowment and means for its maintenance was provided by an Armenian who recently died in America who attended our school in D.

When these two hospitals are suitably housed & in successful operation we feel a good foothold will have been secured for the long delayed work, we trust soon to open among the Mohammedans.

Harput Jan. 1. 1907

Jno. E. Perrowne

J. E. Perrowne
Harput, Jan. 1. 07

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Harpoot, Feb. 3rd 1907

Revd James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

I asked Dr Barnum to let me slip into his letter just a few words - which requires no reply. I want to assure you - which hardly needs my assurance - that we accompany you constantly with our thoughts and in our circles of prayer, and speak of your great mission frequently when gathered in our station meetings.

Tho this may be true of circles and individuals in all mission lands, I cannot but feel it means something more here where we know and honor, trust - I may say too - love you as well.

I suppose Dr B. has said this same thing possibly all who write you, but somehow I think you will - feel - our words mean a little more.

We hold Mrs. Barton & the children in our prayers also. You may know I could do nothing less.

This is an exceedingly busy & happy circle.
In my wanderings in America, in my knowledge of
very many missions and stations I have never
seen any company of christian workers more
I may truly say so much so. There may be
two not in the very closest sympathy with all
the rest but there is no friction and all are
pulling well together in harmony of purpose.

Every member of this dear old circle
seems to vie with all the others to treat me
a favorite son" - the a prodigal - and I am
ashamed - and you know I can stand much
I reach that point - at the way they spoil
me. I do rejoice greatly in their charity & love.

Personally I have quite all I can
do it at all satisfactorily. I have finished
my work with the College seniors - Romans
and am now 2½ hrs daily to the Theologues.
Mr Carey is off to Arcadia & villages for a
so when he returns my time may be shorter
am trying to finish - not the students but my

first year's work with them by Easter so that I may do a month or two months touring with Mr. Ehman to transfer to his leadership & care many of our outstations he has never visited.

Whether this is a pleasant office, whether this is right or not I am not saying. It seems to be the thing required of me by the sick churches at home.

Misses Rush and Cook are bravely touring alone and almost continuously. They probably will accompany Mr E. & myself to Cyprus after their return fr Malatia & afterwards, Diarbekir. Miss Cook is becoming a second "Aunt Hattie" & "her praise, already, is in all the churches".

Mr Cary is doing excellent work and is becoming more & more rightly understood & appreciated. Our relations are intimate, cordial & most loving, & I find him an earnest, unselfish, most spiritual man, destined to be one of the leading missionaries in Turkey.

Tho there is much opposition still, I believe it is slowly wearing away, & our extremely cordial relations seem inexplicable to the admirers of my — "orthodoxy" but

that and my "strong and wholesome" teaching seems to be doing good & clearing the atmosphere the I am immoveable that Her C must remain Prop. of the Con.

Likewise as to our Corporation Meetings, they are becoming much pleasanter. Yesterday I read your last letter to me concerning Harpoot's running into debt & I read it slowly impressively emphatically and I assure you it made a great impression Especially, when after reading it & following it with a few remarks I handed it to the Secretary of the Corp. "to be carefully preserved for reference"

The treasurer of Harpoot station" said more a word but that letter will help me immensely.

In a word, without at all claiming that my coming has been more than one of many causes, Dr B feels that the temperature all round is rising & a decidedly hopeful feeling seems prevailing here & outside.

Perhaps, after all the Lords hand has been in my sickness. May He set His seal to it in sending us Her Lord's Bless. (2) Kiss her for me. Cheer & help the dear girl.

Hastily but most heartily, Yours in the Service of Jesus

Jno. K. Browne

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Hartford, Thurs. Aug. 22.

Revd. James L. Barton D.D.

My Dear Dr Barton.

Last evening we received your letter from London — telling us you were almost home after your strenuous and prolonged campaign of nearly a year.

Among the numberless personal & public welcomes and congratulations you will be receiving for a long time, have Hartford a considerable place and will fill it all.

You will never come more heart felt — more with keener appreciation of all you have accomplished — "for Christ and the Church".

If it should ever occur to you, please include in this welcome home — Prof E. C. Moore. Our congratulations are offered with equal heartiness, to Mrs Barton and the children.

Otherwise may I cannot even allude to the fire matrimonies which we have suffered here this year. We are a mass of débris here. Others will refer to the extreme difficulty of finding teachers of any kind for the College.

The Emrichs are here for Mardin and the Andrews are coming to visit with the Platt family who, with the Carey family will not arrive before October. Soon after will come the Hicks family — and — so it goes.

We are hard put to provide for the Theol. Sem. which opens a fortnight before the College and Mr Carey away in troubled seas.

We have missed you tremendously. I would like to ride out on the electric with you to-night and unburden my mind. You are fortunate being at that distance! This much with most loving welcome — home!

Geo. K. Browne.

J. K. Browne

Harpoot - Turkey. Aug. 22 - 1907.

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Harpoot Nov. 7. 1907

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

My Dear Dr. Barton

Your esteemed favor of Oct. 1 came by last post and it seemed like the dear good old times to be in communication with you once more. Under the stress and strain of your return, with all the heavy exactions of the Annual Meeting close upon you, and after Harpoot had already received two long letters from you, this was more than I had any reason to expect and so am unusually grateful.

This is still further increased by your consideration for Agnes' deep affliction. God's hand is indeed very heavy upon her and upon us all. She is now making her abode with her mother incl. What may be her future plans God's not yet know.

Thanks also for conveying my greetings to Dr Moore. I hardly needed your assurance to know of his value as an associate.

We all are anticipating, with greatest pleasure, the privilege of reading your "Report" which you well know would be enjoyed no where more heartily than here.

When you allude to the matrimonial epidemic here you touch upon a topic so painful I dare not venture a word upon it.

God knows I have many sins to answer for — in my missionary service — of omission and commission — but I should be crushed indeed and deem myself utterly unfit for future service here or elsewhere if I were to be held in the remotest degree "responsible" or in any measure approving these fine matrimonial victories during this one year. O tempora, O mores!! — "Congratulations"

a great string of them are in order, of course, and the proper and conventional thing, but the station and field feel the other side. Right here I switch off and get calm again.

Mr. Cary was away three & one half months and now drops his lessons to go with the Platt Party to "Diarbekir" perhaps to "Sintab" he says. Fortunately Mr. & Mrs. Hicks came just in time to avail themselves of this escort. Mr. Andrus will go from Diarbekir with them as far as Oorfa where I think Mr. Merrill of Sintab will meet the combined party.

Miss Rush & I met Mr. & Mrs. Hicks beyond Malatia last Thursday & we arrived here early Saturday P.M. They are the guests of the Riggs who will doubtless, then do R. report all their doings. They remain here four whole days and we are hoping their visit will prove helpful to them and to us - in many ways.

Perhaps I ought to add a brief word about myself altho not of much interest or value. God has my work cut out for me in many ways. I have taught in Seminary and College giving, on, two, & sometimes three hours daily.

In simple frankness I ought to say I have not enjoyed my work in the Seminary so much as hitherto, and this year I fear I may-even less. I have this year New Test. Theology Homiletics & Pastoral Theol. & some minor things.

Last year, I say with deep regret, I was unable to do any teaching: this year, alas, I doubt if I can get away before Easter!

This continued confinement is not good for me physically or spiritually, and the need of the outside work makes my heart ache.

I will not touch on other matters to day, only to emphasize the utter difference of my life here now & formerly. I need your prayers more than ever.

Yours, in the satisfaction of christian service

D. T. Bonney

J. H. Browne

Harpoot Turkey Nov. 7-1907.

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J. K. Browne

Dearborn Oct. 1. 1905.

James L. Barton, D.D.

My dear Dr. Barton

Yours of Sept. 4 and Sept. 21 came during my visit to this the Arabian field and was most gratefully received — tho, as you said, I was in your debt — in correspondence & far more so in other respects.

First of all I desire to express my great sense of indebtedness for your interest and kindness towards Arthur in his work this summer on the "Boston Herald", and not least, for taking the trouble to express your appreciation of journalism as a profession and that you see little objection to Arthur's adopting it as his.

Tho, unfortunately, my views may differ I thank you heartily for so much encouragement to Arthur (& his mother) & it is right in the line of what you did for Alice May you have the same satisfaction as in her case!

Coming now to the work set out for me in your "Personal" of Sept. 4. in which you ask for my inside view of all the work centering at Harpoot & specifying: "The New Régime", Relations with the Germans

Industrial Work (and Mr. Knapp unnecessarily included)
Present Status of the College & Theological Instruction &c
" " " " Field Work, Dr Ward's Work, and Diaboki's
Mrs Bird's Return, and you add: "In fact Everything"
reminding me of Paul's words: "All things are yours." 1 Cor. 3.22

Here is material for at least a year's correspondence
& I can almost see your smile as you dictated it.
I must choose one of two things. Take up these subjects &
deal with them according to their importance unusually
in future letters, or give you a very brief expression of
opinion of them in one or two letters. Which is better?
Perhaps the second will meet your views supply all
your needs & accord with my present limited time
I am still further inclined to this because of the fact that
you have almost unlimited communications constantly
from Harpoot on these and all phases of our work.

If you have such correspondents in all stations I do
not wonder you have an Assistant Sec. to give you the
gist of them. Isn't it a relief that some of your
missionaries have a different idea of this work?

Let us hear & answer some of your questions
not as they may have been answered by others here —
but according to my personal convictions —

Dec. 1. 1905

An entire two months has passed since writing the above. The truth I have been extremely busy that is not the sole reason; rather because I dislike so intimately to write even with perfect sincerity & honesty of purpose about my fellow-missionaries in the same station knowing I must antagonize the opinions & judgements they have frequently expressed very possibly also your own. But I might as well take the cold plunge at once. Taking up the subjects referred to in their order:

Concerning "The New Regime"

I have read how very enthusiastically we all from Turkey, from Erzroom, have written, and you have also spoken & written, deriving your opinions, naturally for your information this correspondence in Turkey and from the newspapers. For a time Mr Knapp & Mr & Mrs Curry acted as tho they had lost their senses and vied with so many of the natives in extravagance of words & actions as "celebrating our independence" until consul Young had to reprimand & counsel them like a "father" his foolish children. I reminded us of the cause of Mr Knapp's expulsion from Turkey in '95. & how they have sailed off very carelessly remembering not the character of the Sultan & that this is the Orient.

When such a wise man as Dr Barnum writes for publication: "It seems to me the world has seldom seen a transformation as marvellous as is now taking place in Turkey" — what can you expect the rest of us to say? Yet in face of all the charms far & wide to the contrary I cannot believe while this Sultan lives & rules, or the Turk remains in Europe — or even any Mohammedan rules anywhere that any such "transformation" has occurred, that there is any complete revival of the feeling of this government, or that "liberty, equality & fraternity" is more than a taking & temporary motto of those determined to appease the face fair sign — & retain its system of espionage. Judging of things from the outside there is a wonderful change: A "Constitution" has been "proclaimed". This same man did the same thing under pressure, some 33 years ago. Likewise a Parliament has again been summoned, political prisoners have released — exiles recalled — a freedom of the press declared, removal of restrictions of travel at home & abroad, acknowledgment of all races & religions as equal Ottoman subjects & much more of this sort. Wait a while & see how much really remains under Sultan Hamid! & change has occurred, for this we are profoundly thankful but as to its depth, significance & permanence — opinions differ greatly.

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J. K. Browne

Hartford May 19. 1902.

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

My Dear Dr. Barton

In the last letter I have seen from your hand, directed to Mr. Andrus, date of March 31st. I read: "The return of Mrs J. K. Browne to the E. T. Mission was authorized by vote of the Prud. Committee at its last meeting. Mrs B. is planning to return this summer."

Such an official announcement should affect me sufficiently to warrant at least an official acknowledgment + appreciation of the Committee's consideration for my three years of homelessness.

Tho I have no definite information from Mrs B. I assume that she will probably return with the Atkinsons, tho when by what route or other details I know nothing. All this depends much on the conditions prevailing henceforth in this dreadful land.

I am sure you will not allow her to travel there as you are reasonably sure she can reach Hartford in comparative comfort + safety. You then will know this far better than those in the Interior - living at that time.

In the letter last received from you you take Dr Ward's work. I know he writes you voluminously hence I need add simply my opinion of his work. In doing so I must be on my guard lest its complete contrast to other medical work I have seen may lead me to indulge in what might seem to you extravagant praise.

1 Let me emphasize first their Dr & Mrs W's decided christian character which colors all their social & medical relations with the people.

2 They have family prayers with their servants & helpers daily — and in Turkish & they carry this spirit thro the day.

3 All who attend their daily Clinics are impressed by the gentle, sympathetic christian treatment they receive. I have heard this from hundreds.

4 The Dr Ward's ever increasing work necessarily creates envy & opposition among the 9-10 native physicians and apothecaries. To a remarkable extent he has gained their regard & admiration & all especially Turkish physicians and officials seem friendly to him.

5 He is steadily gaining a clientage among the wealthy & most influential and official class of Turks who in every way show him their confidence and support.

6 He impresses me as prudent & conservative in all his management of work, funds &c and I anticipate for him a fine career & for Christ's Kingdom great one. May his tribe increase! Amen and amen.

Please credit me with great restraint in making no comparisons with any of his medical colleagues!

Now in answer to your request concerning our Theological Seminary and its President Mr. Carey I in any opinion I may feel at liberty to express please credit me with an honest purpose to give an unbiassed opinion however it may differ from others or your own or
& uninfluenced by differing in theological views.

Carey has a long list of unusual excellences both of mind and character. He is gifted and rare manifold many ways, an enthusiastic and successful and most popular teacher in college & seminary & good preacher. In his own home he is courteous and most hospitable to the people who generally are fond of him. His continual efforts to attract and win the people are earnestly seconded by the present Mrs. Carey.

Here then is a most unusual combination of talents and qualities of mind & heart - which should insure the making of an unusual missionary surely.

Now I come to the ungracious "offset" or cold facts. The reasons why he has not met the success one would have expected are many, some of his making, some because of his theological views & their unwise expression.

Personally I like Carey as much I do not care to dwell on these things. Can he overcome all this prejudice & deep rooted opposition to his views & teachings I think he could, - but he feels it would take too long meanwhile it makes him restless, unhappy - when he is not doing the splendid work he ought to be doing.

What then is the best thing to be done you ask. You may possibly remember I was sent by E. F. to Exposition to find the solution of a bad tangle when MacCallum Chambers (W. C.) & Richardson were there it may occur to your memory I recommended that all these be transferred to other places which was soon done & suggested that Mr. MacCallum go to Marash With the privilege or presumption of an "old timer" may I make still another. It may not be feasible but I will venture to make it. How would it do to transfer Mr Carey to Marash to fill MacCallum's to fill his own place in that Seminary.

I am saying this in the dark but I have a feeling that it would prove acceptable to Dr Lee and to Mr. Carey and I have the impression Dr Lee will not long be able to fill his present position. Mr Carey knows Turkish, he returns to America next year. Let him have a year's study there instead of at home and return to Mt. instead of to

Personally I should miss and lament Mr & Mrs C's going. So I did that of Miss Pirsch my life long friend and fellow-worker - but that influenced me not at all in my urging her going tho it made a great hole in her friendship.

Mr Carey was cut out for a theological teacher! His bitter experiences have taught him much and I am sure his career in the Central Mission would show how valuable all this training has proved. He has grown much. Such a transfer would prove a great addition to the force now so depleted in C. T. M. & a corresponding impoverishment of our Kurd. Mr Carey has proved an invaluable helper to Mr. Riggs and the latter and the college & faculty would miss him keenly.

Still it is my judgement that for Mr. Carey's future bnl, & for more consequence for the work of the Kingdom in Turkey - such a change would prove beneficial everyway.

Of course I see how it must affect our Seminary here. Do we wish it to resemble that at Marsovan? you may ask: I am not yet convinced that my long desired one "Central Theol. Seminary for Turkey" is impracticable, especially now there is such facility of travel & other conditions favoring. For a season at least we must let this Sem.y remain at closed and graduate candidates can easily go to Marash - This transfer may facilitate the speedy establishment of the "Central Sem.y"

The fact that I am to remain here but a few years should free me from being influenced by any personal considerations. The return of Mr Carey as of Dr A. Mr. Knapp can have but slight relations to me. Singular that one's colleagues cannot detach the two entirely distinct things: personal friendship and judgment of them as workers in the Kingdom, working in the peculiar conditions of this or that field. I voted "early & often" against Mrs. Barnes's return Lucky this year. This coming just the same, though but my conscience is entirely free of any reproach. I did the same against Alice's coming to Harpoot to this day am blamed & condemned but I know a harder or a wiser thing. I vote against Ernest's coming to Harpoot, as at present constituted, but hail him a great acquisition to Diarbekir or, even more so, to Mardin.

Dr. A. might have succeeded as Dr Underwood once. I wrote Dr. A. as his best friend here at H., the Board against his return here. He has not even answered it.

I have written you more than once, then destroyed. I will send along my last of six months ago. I am with that done the same with that & with this letter to day & be rid of them. As ever faithfully, J. C. Perkins

The two Hallaksigh brothers are again imploring us for the 200 £ we promised, "they have begun building."

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Hartford Oct. 1st 1909

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

My Dear Dr Barton

As I wrote last week briefly announcing Mrs Bronson's arrival – so now I have the privilege of adding her recovery from her temporary weakness and she has slipped right into the large place awaiting her – and we are glad for the splendid welcome she continues to receive.

In response to your most kind letter of Aug. 10. let me still again express my deep sense of your goodness to me and mine in all practical & most considerate ways, the last being in seeing Mrs. B. off on the "Hanover" as well as in your frequent "Hartford" hospitalities.

As I am glad about resuming my longer terms I shall write but briefly to day touching on matters of general interest which may have been already discussed by your "regular correspondent." You desire also my "point of view"

First – as to the desirability of our Theol. Seminary From the first I have been a strong advocate of this plan and it seems to me present political conditions emphasize both its desirability and practicability and even its necessity.

I laid the matter before our "Evangelical Union" this month not advocating it – desiring simply a full & free discussion and formal (by subsequent vote) expression of their opinion.

The whole discussion was discriminating, earnest, & indeed, and they voted enthusiastically & unanimously in the affirmative. If practicable I will enclose in this a copy of their action.

I most heartily endorse also the suggestion of a "General Confer. of Missionaries" from all the Missions in Turkey with a delegation from the U.S. to confer on the best plans & methods for prosecuting the work in the changed conditions now to confront us and already appearing under the "New Regime" With the difficulties of having regular Annual Meetings in some sections of the empire still prevailing, it seems to me that a new general policy, elastic, yet embodying certain great general principles & aims, is of most vital importance to our advance in new directions or with new methods & means. Mr Carey and I for instance differ radically in our convictions on this question. A few moments ago he declared that the end or value of evangelistic work in this land had long ago gone by if it ever existed! The wisest & most fruitful future policy of the Board may lie midway between our extreme opinions.

Which leads me to say concerning Mr. Carey's return to Harpoot station that I more & more doubt its desirability and think he is coming to the same conclusion, on many grounds. I am his warm friend and admirer, immensely his unusual abilities, learning and unstinted devotion to the work along many lines, and no missionary here would be so missed & mourned. Still I am most unwillingly coming to the fear, I had almost said conviction, that his work here, so valuable & admirable in many ways, on the whole, injurious to the Cause of Christ.

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If there be this "Central Seminary" established I would vote that he be one of the teachers, tho there are missionaries, I fear who would think such action would endanger the work of the Kingdom here in T. My one consolation is: "If he goes who might come, some more, but of the same theology without his many admirable qualities?" His crowning defect is utter heedlessness in uttering his views.

4 Another great element of uncertainty lies in Mr Biggs' resignation. I wished to hear your response before writing on this. There is no doubt of his serious lack of physical stamina. That is but one of the causes leading up to his taking this step. I fear I have not conferred with him but, if you think it desirable he may be induced to reconsider if he be promised a good vacation in America and possibly the fulfilment of other conditions. Of this I know nothing and do not feel at all sure of it. Many reasons, however, may make his decision irrevocable. I think in some, yes, many respects his administration has been admirable. There is no missionary here who could or would from even a lower tenure

5 The near coming of Dr A. fills some of us with foreboding. Not only I, who gave the station first strong reasons for voting against his return but some who allowed themselves to be persuaded to vote for it, they too feel the same apprehension. Still, tho we wonder at & deplore this return, we are planning to do all in our power to make it as far as possible a success. Fortunately his great rival here is about leaving for Smyrna. Dr Haroutune is now old. Had Dr A. the ability there is now an unrivalled field opening for a splendid career but I am more than fearful he is not the man to "enter in & possess the land."

Notwithstanding this letter may seem like a Jeremiad I do not see how I can write for any other "stand point" — and on one subject.

We have just had a station meeting relative to Mr. Knapp's return. Was ever a station in such a predicament as to its missionaries! Dr. Parmenter, cannot & I do not plan to remain here much longer. Here is Dr. A. returning to work under a fearful handicap. Mr Carey knows not yet whether to return or not, who can tell? Ditto Mr Riggs the year after tho we hope he may return as the loving missionary tho he told me to day it was uncertain about his returning here.

Then here is Mr Knapp. Is he planning to return — and how? The Orphanage is $6000 or $7000 in debt & running behind at rate of $1000 yearly. Yet one of the conditions Mr K. insisted on was th he should "have a free hand" in conducting his work!

We voted for his return, rejecting his conditions, but knowing th the Atkinsons would be sent back. Now the A's are returning. What then are to be the relations of these two families in the station?

Mr K. has said plainly he would "not employ Dr A in his home or in any institution under his care". Can these two work or live in love together, or are we to have more bitterness and scandal?

I, I am requested to write to Mr K. th he define his position or purpose if he return. How are we to paddle out of this mess?

Poor Harpoot — — I have written in confidence & exactly how things seem to me & I have guarded carefully against exaggeration. My comfort is I have a home over yon & God is on the throne.

In the Service of the Gospel Yours as ever, Jno. E. Browne.

Since writing the above the Secretary of the Union has brought me a copy of its action relating to a Central Seminary

He is Prof. Pengilhanian who spent two years studying in Edinburgh & is pronounced the best man in College Faculty. I think

If all of the reasons adduced in favor of one central Seminary do not carry large weight – please remember debate was utterly extemporaneous and the unanimous decision represents men of every grade of education, intelligence and religious conviction & experience

I cannot conceive of any other question wh. could evoke any such enthusiasm in discussion or possible unanimity in decision

Of course I cannot say whether or not this Union represents the general opinion of our churches & communities. If it be so then is one strong argument in favor of such an institution.

May I add a single word on presidency of college

Some name has already been mentioned as worthy of consideration such as Dr Yates who we hear must resign, Mr. Goodell of Ind't & others

Whoever he may be I think he should be a man of experience in actual teaching – if possible also in administration & of good executive ability

Such a man as has been either a prof. of some small college or professor in some larger institution, a man to be sought out & persuaded to come

I hope Henry Riggs may be persuaded to stay & work here in Ch.

If not then let his bro. Ernest come but not two brothers tho they be angels

Do not infer I think Carpenter is going to be worse. It has a splendid future if entrusted to men of superior intelligence & consecration

E. K. R.

J. K. Browne

Harpoot. Oct. 1-1909.

Personal

Rec'd MAY 20 1905

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Mrs J. N. Browne

132 Hancock St.,
Auburndale, Mass.
May 19. 1905.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Friend,

I received your note with the ticket to the Congregational Club enclosed. I thank you for it, and am exceedingly sorry that my sprained ankle will probably keep me at home. I will see, however, that the

ticket is used.

Cordially yours

Leila K. Browne.

Mrs. J. K. Browne

Auburndale - Mass - May 19-05.

132 Hancock St.,
Auburndale, Mass.,
Aug. 23, 1905.

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In a letter recently received from Mrs. Dewey she said that she wished she could stay at the Home when she comes to Boston to sail. I have asked Mrs. Stanford and she says there will be room and she would be glad to have them (Mrs. Dewey and Dean) come. If you have anything to do with finding a boarding place for them can't you send them out here?

Yours Leila K. Browne.

Rec'd MAR 23 1909

Auburndale, Mass.
March 22. 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton,

The enclosed letter came from Mr. Browne to-day, with the request that it be sent to you.

He says that it expresses his feelings on the subject, only his are even stronger.

In one of his letters this winter he has mentioned Ernest Riggs as a possibility for Dwinelle.

I don't know as you wish any suggestions of that kind, and he

did not tell me to make it, but you see I have, for it seems a pity to leave the Wards there alone.

I have been tempted several times to ask you to bring the subject of my return to Lukey before the Prudential Committee, if that is necessary, but have wanted to hear from Mr. Browne. If I carry out my present plans, I can not wait much longer.

Cordially yours

Leila K. Browne.

Mrs. J. K. Browne

Auburndale-Mass. Mar. 22-1909

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Rec'd JUN 14 1909

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Holden, Mass.
June 13. 1909.

Dear Dr. Barton,

In the letter just received from Mr. Browne, dated May 15, he advocates my going on with the Atkinsons to save expense, since I cannot reach Sanderson when the Knapps do. He says that the cost of traveling in the interior is about double what it used to be, and he thinks we ought not to make the extra expense of two parties. So he writes that he will not come on with the Knapps as he intended to do, but will meet me in Lima later.

Of course if I make a change, Mr. Wiggin must have it at once. Do

you know anything about the Atkinson's plans?

I must go over to Naples, because I have planned, and wish to take my trunks with me. I have an idea that the Atkinsons will not wish to go that way, but if I sail about the same time I can meet them in Constantinople.

I am sorry and mortified to make so much trouble about this, but it really isn't my fault. My first plan was to sail late in July or early in August, but I hurried up, to please Mr. Brenne, but could not hurry quite enough. Of course I can go on sailing July 3rd and wait in Constantinople, but if I must wait, I would rather be here. If my time of sailing is changed, it changes all other plans so I would like to know what you think of it as soon as possible.

I leave here to-morrow morning and shall

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be at South Hadley till Thursday morning, June 17.
Anything addressed to "Mr Judson, South Hadley Mass"
before that time, will reach me.
I am sorry to trouble you, but I would like
some light.

Sincerely
Lilas H. Browne.

Read. Boston
Aug. 10 '17
Atkinson

Mrs. Leila K. Brown

Holden. Mass. June 13, 1909

Question

Miss Carrie E. Bush 74.

Confidential.

APR 17 1900

Yeghiko, March 17th 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Mr. Barton,

It is some time since I have written to you and during the interval Mr. Browne and I have been to the villages on the plain, here and there, first to Erlakegh and Bejnichen, then, after four days at home, to Schine, Kabooie, Aghuntsik and Hoghi. A few days at home again and then we were off on the tour to Perchenj, (for eight days,) Kaisa, (one day,) and this village.

We intended to go across the plain to Tarmair this week, but floods of rain came and snow, and the plain was like a soaked sponge, so we came up here, first. We hope to go to Tarmair on Tuesday, the 20th, but we had another deluge of rain last night and know not when the roads will dry.

Tulakegh was in a bad state when we went there, but it is a humble, obedient people and soon there were heart-felt c fessions of sin and consecrations to G and we left there greatly encouraged. The whole afternoon I spent in the c chapel, talking and praying separate with twenty-one women and girls wh were seeking to commence the Chris life.

Lysnichea is going down fast. M are drinking, many Gregorians hav turned Catholic, the Protestant wome do not love to meet together and p and there is no unity of spirit, or t of the Lord and each other to warmhea

I should have said, above, that "American fever" in the heart of the preacher and his wife at Tulakegh has been a great hindrance to a bl ing upon the work there.

We never saw Ichme in better condition. If I remember rightly ei were received into the church an we were cheered by seeing the ear

hearted work of the preacher and his wife. Yet it is a hard, hard soil and no human strength can turn it up to the light and warmth of the Holy Spirit.

Yakoosie is as poor as poverty itself, but the people have a loving, obedient spirit. Their preacher, who also teaches, is very earnest and a true seeker for souls. We have a good, young woman at work there, teaching school and teaching women and leading three meetings a week.

Aghuntsik is one of our lowest villages; no women's meeting and few women reading and men and women so worldly and hard.

In Yoghi Gregorians and Protestants are much opposed to each other and Garabed Martagesian's becoming a Bishop has been a severe blow to our little flock.

Perchenj is self-satisfied and worldly. The preacher and wife are good, but are not awake to the needs

of the church, or the way in which to
souls. We went to Kailar, from Pere
and spent the day, and were warm
welcomed. I went to fine houses
had a meeting in almost every a

We should have gone to Tarm
and stayed the rest of the week, a
I said above, but I am glad that
were able to have a few days here.
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The Pastor and his wife are earnest
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rent to their own spiritual needs.

It may be that a proposition
will reach you for Annie Allen -
come out here "for general mission
work." I hear that it is thought
I do not know whether the above
profession means lasting, or wha
but felt as if I wanted to tell y
my views of this matter, lest it
should have just this meaning.

Annie is a good girl and one

to be honored for her devotion to her sick mother, but she is Wheeler and Allen combined and this combination is not just what would be congenial for me, I am sure, not to speak of Mr. Browne. There is a tendency in Annie to rush into work of all sorts, as her mother did. She is not thorough and careful in work.

I do not know that I can express to you just what I feel about Annie, but I have never been drawn to her. Now if dear Emma Barnum, or Theresa Huntington were proposed as a tower I should hail the possession of either of these as an associate, with the greatest joy, and so would Mr. Browne, I believe, but I feel differently about Annie. I am curious to see whether Dr. Gates who spoke to Mr. Browne about Annie A., will also speak to me.

It takes a person of special leading of God's Providence and training

for this specially hard work. People
engaged in it together need speci
fitness for each other. Not for a mo
would I wish Laura Ellsworth a
loving companion, nor is Mary L
fitted for it.

I have not asked for an associ
I am well and busy and happy.
Never have I so rejoiced in my w
as now. I am trying, more and m
to get into the homes of the T.'s a
meet with a welcome everywhere
I find that by keeping patiently a
steadily at work results are visib
It is a peculiarly trying and crit
time in our work. There is a retrog
movement in almost every bran
of it, as far as spiritually is con
cerned. The world and material
things claim the love and attenti
of those who seem to have but
"name to live and are dead." Bu
do we not surely believe that b
will be a mighty advance in Chri

x I read the Testament and pray with them and seek to lead them to a better life.

work; and never has it seemed to us sweeter to preach the Gospel than now. The women open their hearts to me with perfect frankness and believe in my sympathy and love, I know. I am never lonely, even when Mr. Browne has to go to the city and leave me for a few days, or when he can not go as soon as I can. We both peculiarly feel the leading of the Lord in all our way and rejoice in His service.

It was very pleasant to me to have you, in your last letter to Carrie speak of me by my first name. It made me feel as if you were indeed yet a part of Harpoot circle. My love to Mrs. Barton and the children.

Please do not allude to what I have written about Annie A., unless in a confidential letter to me.

Mrs. Barton has my sympathy if you are going to India. The Lord grant her health.

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

P. S. The very same objections wh
hold against Annie's going into town
work, hold as regards school work
her. She has sewed for Mrs. Barlan. W
the work well and tastefully done!
have often thought that it must
been Mrs. Barlan's sympathy and p
for Annie which led her to employ
in this way, for Mrs. Barlan is s
very neat in work. In her dress a
handwriting Annie shows her chara
ter. It is said that she had not a
strong, decided influence on the
as a Christian when here. Could she with t
peculiarities! The tendency to fly
way and that way and not to pursu
one course steadily seems to me fata
to success. The poor child always
seems over-worked, always says
she is overcome by sleep. Her lett
contain very little to attract or
to her; very little that is helpful a
that one can remember. How difficu
it is to choose a missionary.

E. E. B.

Flowers and leaves and the trees and it is beautiful here.

Miss Caro E. Bush

Malatia, April 9th 1900.
Monday, 6 P. M.

My dear Harriet and the Circle,

Mr. Browne has gone to the evening meeting, but I stay at home to rest and write to you. I have had a very good day of work and my heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving to-night; not because of anything remarkable, but it is so good to feel so well and strong, even after such a winter as we have had and so good to have such a warm, loving welcome here, even after we have dealt so plainly, and even severely with this people. And, for the life of me, I can't help but love them! Yet we do not find them changed.

Dear Mr. Barnum, in spite of your waiting here for them not, or any

account, to raffle for that beautiful rug that the orphans made, they did and a Turk got it, to the great disgust of everybody! It served them just right. The tickets were 20 pts. apiece and they made 600 pts. on it. It is not the first time they have done such a thing against my strong protest, and now, against yours.

To-day Kapriel Effendi's brother's daughter died. She was a bride of eight months. It seems that she took cold at that memorable time last autumn, when there was to be that great shower of meteors. Somebody in this city had prophesied that there was to be a terrible earthquake on one particular night, which was to destroy the city; so everyone abandoned his house and the whole city - full of people slept out-doors. It was cold and many people felt a

victim to disease.

There were many people gathered at the house after the burial, so I had a good opportunity for work. It was the coldest funeral I ever attended. There was not a single relative present, until Kapriel Eff. came in at the very close. The poor child had been married in a Gregorian house.

Tuesday, 5 P. M.

Have been to a very distant quarter today and just returned to find that our letters ought to be finished as soon as possible.

The Protestant part of the Orphan Com. lay the fault of the raffling for the rug on Kenork Eff. Bulukyan, the ~~Armenian~~ Gregorian, but I have not yet asked him about it and one always wishes to hear both sides.

On Sunday I visited both orphanages and they appeared well. Another beau-

liful rug has been commenced. The two
Ojin girls appear very well and seem
much loved.

The boys' school is a great improve-
ment on last year.

Our journey here was a lightful,
good and warm some of the way!.
Funny thing happened at the ferry.
When we arrived there we found the
boat on our side, but way up the
stream; so we hastened to it and
saw that there was plenty of roo
But the difficulty was to get to the
boat. There was a great stretch of a
mud before us and only a small pa
of it would bear our horses up. Mr
Browne managed to cross this an
enter the boat on his horse, but a
last few steps and the leap into
the boat seemed to me so risk
that I jumped off my horse and
led him into the boat. Then how

d to get there? I walked as far as the slough would bear me and then — I got on to Arakel's back! Then, Ellsworth, was I not glad that I was small and light! Such a wide, rushing stream as the Euphrates was. It seemed as if we had never seen it fuller.

We found, Dr. Barnum, that Mustafa's khan, at Perole, is not now the last house at this end of the village; there are one, or two, beyond it. But it is the last big house, with a very big door. The man will see you from afar, as you take the araba road clear around the outside of the village, at the right, and will open the doors. The old man is named Mustapha, commonly called Musta, and his son is called Hussein, Mustapha Oglou. Everyone knows them and they know you are coming. They are very neat,

and will take the best of care of you
Hussein's wife knows Turkish and
will be glad to have a wee visit at h
house, from the ladies, but she nev
intruder, except to bring us a co
drink of tea when we first arrive.

How much we think and spea
of you all and how eager we shall
to hear from you when the post arri
We put up many prayers for you a
Many rose for Dr. Barnum. I want to
add that I hope that all three of t
Barnums will get out of the araba an
walk when it goes out of the road to
avoid a very bad cut made by a flesh
just beyond the village of Chiftlik, th
last village before reaching Malaka. T
bad place is on the side of the village to
Harpoot. Our wagon came very near go
over here and I do not want the precious
ones to be tipped over.

Love to you all. We see nothing we
cheering here, as yet, but we wait on God

Affectionately,

Clara E. Bush.

We are at Garabed Kurkjian's, almost o
the Pastors. We will arrange a good place for

Harpoot, May 9th 1900.
Wednesday Morning.

Dear Barnum Trio & Ada, all in Dunkirk

I have only a big time before the post goes and so can not write much. Have just been getting off my Annual Report. Harriet has been deep in orphan letters and Mrs. Browne, in those to her children, and Mr. Browne in his Report and Tabular Review, so none of them have been able to write, but they send you much love.

I was so grateful for Dear Mr. Barnum's good letter from Smyrna and for Mr. Barnum's and Emma's, written to us all. It was delightful to hear good news of you. As you said nothing about bread, I have great hope that you did not go hungry.

Some of us are thinking that you start for home to-day, Ada, but you omitted to say, in your last week's letter, what were your plans. We shall be glad to see you; and how we hope that you will be able to bring Br. Krekore with you.

We are all well here. Mary D. has rejoiced our hearts by deciding to stay here. Sometimes she seems bright and happy, and then, again, not.

We have had abundant rain & all are rejoicing.

Last week the Sa'ish's wife and mother, from Meyerch, called on me, with some others. The Kaimakam's wife and mother called on Mrs. Proctor and myself and on Mrs. Knapp, another day, all very agreeable.

Pam. Haiganoush arrived here, from Diarbekir, well and grateful.

I enjoyed being at home last Sabbath and have written hard, all this week. No definite plans, yet, for leaving for Koordistan. It is good to enjoy home for awhile. The school rising bell now rings at half-past four and I rise refreshed and strong for the day.

The Cottage looks lonely and I can not get accustomed to your absence, dear Trio. Marian has fixed up the dining-room very neatly. All seem well and happy.

Kabooshian's wife and some others in Eg'in, have become Sabbatarian! What is to be the end of this in so small a community, I know not.

Harold is as lively as ever and sends love. The children are a blessing, all of them and I love to look at them.

Pastor Mardiros, of Malatia, dined and lunched with us and appeared well. I went down to Mezereh last week Friday and called at Pastor Seragan's, the German's and the Ogakhed's. Sister Laura is better, but is possessed of a desire to go to Germany for a visit. Marian Machado seemed very bright.

Mr. Knapp seems wide awake about the orphanage.

Ada, please give my loving salutations to the Pastor & wife all friends and will you dear Parents give much love to friends in Constantinople.

We think of and pray for you often and miss you much.

Affectionately,

Caro E. Ingal.

Miss E. E. Bush,

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Harpoot, May 15th 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I would not write you so soon again, but the Erzroom school building lies on my mind and is rather heavy, so I must talk with you about it a bit.

When Mr. Browne and I were at Erzroom I was distressed at the state of the present girls' school building. It is not fit for the residence of Americans. In a fit of sympathy and generosity I wrote to Miss Wright, as I am so well acquainted with her and I knew she would be interested. I expected the letter to do some good, but I did not expect the money to be voted without the voice of the Mission being heard.

Now that I see how you and Mr. Browne view the subject of building I feel rather troubled to have had anything to do with this matter; and yet I never could be persuaded that something ought not to be done. I know that there has been a tremendous outlay of money there such as the work does not warrant, and yet there is the school in an utterly unsuitable building.

I have lately heard from Mrs. Stapleton that they are obliged to receive about forty orphans into their house until another suitable house can be found. It occurred to me that if these orphans could be put into the girls' school building and the school go into the missionaries' house, and the missionaries rent a house for themselves, or buy then both of the present buildings would be put to uses for which

they are suitable. I know that it may be said that that big, missionary konak is not large enough for a school, but it is certainly too large for a missionary house and, with some changes, and perhaps an addition at the back, I do not believe but what it could be made convenient and suitable.

If this strikes you well, no one could persuade them to these changes better than yourself. I am sure that you would wish to do something could you enter that girls' school and go up the dark, rickety staircase and sleep in a room where you were obliged to have the windows closed all night, because of the vile odors outside. Miss Lord and Bushnell are both of them sensitive and delicate and will not last long if kept in such circumstances. Yet

I realize now just how you drea
any more expenditure of money t
Surely the change I suggest cou
be made without great expense.

We were not a little excited las
week over the London "Mails" as we
read long articles with regard to i
position of the United States on t
subject of the Indemnity. It mad
my blood run faster to see the po
sition of our government among
nations of the earth and I realize
how strong was my loyalty to A
erica after all these years of absenc
My earnest prayer is that, whatev
is said and done, there may be n
bloodshed for that money. It is
heart-sickening to think of wha
it might possibly cost to the A
menians, as well as to American
I hope and believe that moral pr
sure will be sufficient.

I want to enclose a letter which Harriet wrote for Pittis, but never sent. She did send copies of this to Mardin and Van. Mardin was greatly taken with it. I think it is excellent. I voted against Annual Meeting both times, or, rather, Harriet did for me. In addition to what she says, we both strongly felt that so much expense should not be incurred, especially when it was to decrease the sum used for the general work. Also, the condition of the country in that region made travelling there far from desirable.

I earnestly hope that Dr. Dwight will not be sent to Erzroom, as we have learned that he is a warm friend of Hovhannes Agha's and might be far too strongly influenced by him. Pardon me for expressing myself on this subject, unasked. You know how keenly in-

terested I am in all these places tha
we have visited and in every phas
of the work.

Sabbatarian views are giving us
trouble, not only in Malatia, for so
time past, but also, of late, in Egin
We are expecting to discharge the
teacher in our girls' orphanage on a
count of the trouble she has been
making on this subject. It is pitifu
thus to divide a little community of
only five Protestant men! This sect b
lieves that death is a sleep, that the wic
ed are annihilated; that those who ha
the seal of God in their foreheads are the S
batarians and when they reach the numb
of 144,000 the end of the world will come
The righteous will rise first, then the wic
who will be tortured for awhile, &c., &c.
Poor Egin has no pastor and is desolate, inc

Please give much love to Mrs. Parla
and the children. I have been at home for th
weeks and it has been delightful, though
a busy time. We must be off again soon
Harriet joins me in love to you all.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Miss Carrie E. Bush

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Harpoot, May 19th 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of April 18th I received by the last post and am most grateful for the very kind way in which you notice the letters which were written you with regard to Anne Allen. I recognize the truth of all you say. I have not shown your letter to anyone but Mr. Browne and Miss Seymour, nor do I intend to show it to anyone else. I would be glad not to have it known here that I have written on the subject, because I, certainly, do not wish to speak to others on it, unless obliged to.

A few weeks ago, when Mary

Daniels decided to stay here, Miss Seym
suggested to me that Annie Allen
would be good for Van. Mr. Browne
seemed to think well of it, so, wee
before last, I wrote to Dr. & Mrs.
Raynolds suggesting her to them.
Annie is, of course, interested i
that place, as she has worked there
Would it not be possible for her to g
out there this fall and thus relieve t
strain there? It would be a great r
lief to Mrs. Raynolds, who is almo
breaking down. The sooner Anne
can reach there, the better. I belie
she would fit in well there. x

We were all very glad to have
Mary D. decide to stay here. It
certainly seemed the only wise thi
for her to do. It was distressing t
us to think of her going to Van.

Miss Ellsworth seems to be happ
than we have ever seen her and very

x No, Mr. Browne and I would think she might do well in some place in Turkey, but it is not just filled for this place.

busy and industrious. Miss Huntington is always her same, bright, lovely self. I hope and believe that Miss D. is turning back with her old relish and love to school work. Oh! that she, as the head of the Female Department might have a deeper spirituality, which has been so injured by the complications and antagonistic influences of the past months.

We realize your trials in the matter of the choice of new missionaries. It is a grave responsibility. The expense of sending out one who is unworthy, besides the harm he, or she, may do, are very serious matters. Surely, in this respect, as in the choice of our native laborers, and the hope for the consecration of many now in America to the salvation of souls in this land, we wait, with intense longing, for the more powerful work of the

Holy Spirit in the hearts of men.

You wrote to Mr. Browne, asking for a letter from Bod. Ardaor Nikoghosian of Peri and a letter fr Mr. B., or myself, for Taunton. I have been waiting for Bod. A's letter, to write and send with it. Now comes the word from Bod. Ardaor that he wrote and sent the lette to Dr. Barnum to send to you! So I shall send a letter to Taunton this wee and have written to Bod. A. to write another letter, for fear the other may never reach you, or Taunton.

Harriet joins me in love to yourself and Mrs. Barton and the dear children. I should like to walk into the door of your home to-day and have just a little visit with you all.

Yours cordially,

Carrie E. Bush.

P. S. Mr. Browne and I were planning to go to Koordistan, but work here, my horses being lame, and not being able to find a servant, have hindered until this present time; and now, we may have to give the trip up, as it would be harvest-time there by the time we could reach there. So I shall probably work in Megerek, Kezerik and Cuzenik until vacation and, with Dr. Barnum away, at all times there is work here for Mr. Browne.

I will try and remember what you suggest as to mentioning names of pastors and preachers when I write. Pastor Mardiros, of Malatia is probably going to America.

If in my Report I spoke about the lack of teachers, or preachers, or in any letters, please do not think I mean to reflect, for a minute, on Dr. Gates, or Ellsworth Huntington. Both are indefatigable in their effort to arouse students to high ideals.

and to win souls, as far as I can see.

Harpoot, June 19th 1900.
Tuesday 4:15 P.M.

Our dear Barnum Trio,

My eyes feel somewhat suffused as I remember that you are to see your dear boys and the beloved sister and aunt! Is it not a joy for you? The Lord keep them in safety on all their journey and bring them to you in peace.

Your letters are always of deepest interest and are eagerly read. I hope you are quietly settled by this time and are resting as good, common-sense demands.

We have passed through trying days since I wrote you last. Laura received her invitation to Sivas and it broke her all up. She was finally led to look at the subject

calmly and decided to go. After that she was brave and pretty cheerful. She said nothing unkind that I heard. Before she decided, Harriet and I had a long talk with Mary D., on the subject of being reconciled with Laura. She took it very hard, but afterwards apologized to us. They did have a talk, a kiss and a prayer and parting with mutual understanding. I have hardly seen Mary since our talk.

I helped Laura in her preparations for going, all I could. She was quiet and self-possessed, but looked very sad. I could hardly think that the Lord was really going to let her go and caught myself praying, even the last week, that He would hinder it. The truth is, Mary's conduct had made me feel more kindly toward Laura; then, the need of the latter in the

school for music and for the sick and for natural sciences seemed very great. Besides this, it was evident, more and more, how very popular she was among the people.

Mr. Browne offered to go with her to Sivas and they left last Thursday. The day before there was a farewell banquet given her by the teachers of both schools. It was more like a funeral service than anything else, as far as the eulogizing was concerned. She was called "The Queen of Roses," "An Angel of Mercy," "Her feet kissed all the hills, in search of plants and animals." The praise given was most extravagant. There were compositions and speeches and songs and, when all was over, I concluded that, if I ever went away I should wish to "Fold my tent like the Arabs And as silently steal away," only, un-

fortunately, there is no danger of
body's ever wishing to eulogize
dead, or alive! Laura sat very s
through it all, dressed in her G
mencement dress and hat. She
tainly did appear well. I do not
whether it was to her taste, or n

After that we all hurried out
Garden, at Mrs. Gates' invitation
delightful picnic under the wa
tree. We all did enjoy it much

On Thursday, after lunch and
several accompanied the travel
off. On our return and the nept
I could not help feeling a little
pressed, for it seemed as if all
work that some of us had do
thirty and forty years had go
naught and here, all that c
possibly be said in eulogy of
who had served the best and lo
had been said of one like Laura

ew here only a year and a half. But
iday, while lying down, I suddenly
d to have a revelation; — "It is
so much matter how much we are loved
w much we serve and obey." And
Paul said came to my mind, "The
more I love the less I be loved." So
e with a glad heart and have not
ed about it since. I do wish to have
ple to love me, but I can not work
that.

Somebody who loves Laura and was
ing with me said he thought it was
policy of us missionaries to re-
e all those whom they particular-
ved! He mentioned Dr. Usher,
Burton and Mary Wright.

Towered, the air is cleared, even
. I have not had such a pleas-
ter from Br. Kapriel, ever, as
d the other day, nor such pleas-
words from Br. Adams, as to-day.

We had a wonderful treat yesterday, in a lecture on Nippur and the excavations there, from a Prof. Dr. H. V. Hilprecht of "The State ~~Institute~~ University of Pennsylvania" and Director of the Museum at Con'ple. He is a strong, broad-shouldered, hearty man, and so gentlemanly and genial. Mr. & Mrs. Haynes were with him at Nippur. They have dug out 23,000 tablets and I can not begin to tell you all the wonderful things he told us. They have unearthed the temple of Baal and found out just where the Jewish exiles were. They establish Daniel's and Isaiah's prophecies and he says the day will come when the Polychrome Bible will be laughed at. All the names in Ezra and Nehemiah are found on the tablets. The Professor believes that the Armenians sprang from the Hittites and the "Lost Tribes" of the Jews! "Their noses are

like the fever and so are their characters"! He lectured for an hour and a half, in English, and it was inspiring. His English was excellent, but with a strong, foreign accent. He loves America.

I have been waiting in Mrs. Browne's sitting-room, where I stay to be near for her to call, for, I am sorry to say that she has been in bed ever since the day before Mr. Browne left. I offered to go with Laura and so did Mr. Knapp, but ~~she~~ Mrs. B. did not wish the plan to be changed, brave woman that she is. She is much better to-night and will be up and about soon, I hope. It is fortunate I was here, for I have no work that I can not stop to care for Mrs. Browne and all the rest are so busy just now.

The wheels stop next week Thursday and we shall all flit to the Garden, if some of us do not go before. After

that, it looks as if Mr. Knapp, Theresa and I would go to Arabkir and Egin on orphan work. Theresa needs a change and particularly wishes to be shut up to the Armenian language.

I think that all is going well in the schools and that the unrest which it was said existed on account of Lama's going, has even now died down. It was no doubt God's will. He surely leads us after so much prayer.

My love to Miss Goodell and the "boys," when they come. Can you send this letter on to Dr. & Mrs. Barton, when you have read it? My love to them and will they and you please regard the letter as confidential. I do not wish the Wheelers or Allens to see it. We miss you and love you. Harriet and Mrs. Browne send love.

Aff'ly, Cara E. Bush.

Harpoot, July 17th 1900.
Tuesday Afternoon.

My dear Barnum Trio,

Your last letters were delightful. We were so glad to think of you in that restful, beautiful home. You deserve everything given you to enjoy and I am grateful to God for you.

These are very busy days here. Vartare is sewing for me and sends salutations to you all. The weather is still so delightfully cool that I think it wise to get sewing done. I should like to have a month of sheer idleness, I assure you. Lately I have been trying to plan certainly for outside schools. Sara Tarkisian is going to Diarbekir to take Vartare Seragosian's

place, the latter having been engaged to a young man at D. Mariam Ad-dooriam has just promised me to go to Haine, in a very sweet letter, just received.

I have also been trying to get some Turkish calls done and enjoyed them much. Have been writings fast as many, many interruptions will allow. Mrs. Browne has not been able to go to the city and so I have done the canning of vishna, cherries and apricots for her. She is now feeling a good deal better. I am glad to report that Mr. Browne returned safely last Saturday and seems very well and most happy to be at home; and it is solid comfort to see how much Mrs. B. enjoys it. He came from Tiras in less than six days.

I think that I shall be able to get Aghavni Topoogian as teacher for the orphanage in Egin. She has resigned at Perkenj, definitely. It will be a great relief if she will go to Egin.

Mr. Knapp, Theresa and I were intending to start this week for Arabkir Egin, but to-day we concluded, as we have no teachers for Egin and no fathers, or mothers to put into the Arabkir orphanages, it was no use to go. Our latest thought is to bring the Arabkir orphans here. This will be rather a shock to Arabkir, I know, but they deserve it. Even Pastor Pedros himself now writes us that the present fathers and mothers are not fit for the place. Arabkir is surely destroying itself as fast as it can.

All in the circle are well and oh! how we enjoy our garden home. The tennis players make merry every evening. The air is glorious. But then, how foolish I must seem in using such an adjective to you who dwell in Twilight land. But then, I am so brimfull of health and happiness that all seems about perfect. The language of my heart is "O bless the Lord for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever." And I have so many prayers answered in these days, that our hearts are full of praise.

I must close before I wish to, because I must confess to being tired and I shall have no time for me to-morrow. Love to you all, in abundance, including the "boys" and Nip too.

Yours affectionately,

Cora E. Bush.

Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
September 8th 1900.

Dear Barnum Trio,

It is good to know
t the time is not far distant
en we shall welcome you back
you home. It is not that we
rudge you one day of your
ation, or one pleasure. Indeed,
ope that you will stay away
t as long as it is safe before
ler.

It will be very delightful for
to bring on to us the new
her and to have seen her
ents, too. It will be hard to
t with the three dear ones
o have been with you, but
e giveth more grace."

We have enjoyed your letters, much, but hope you will not write quite so much, so as to save your strength and find time to be more lazy.

Thank you much, dear Emma, for the pretty postal card, with its view of your surroundings. I should love to see it all. Think what heat they have had in America! Here we have had a rarely cool and beautiful summer.

To-day I am at the garden. We have been quite festive this week, the anniversaries have come so fast. On Thursday evening we all had ice-cream and cake and charades at the Knapp's, the Consul, also being present. This was to celebrate Ida's and Margaret's birthdays.

Lately I have been seized with

a fever to study Arabic-Turkish and am in small sentences in the Primer. To-day I read about twenty words in the Testament. Even a very little progress makes me most triumphant. I gave a Turkish Bible to a girl in this city and she is reading it a great deal. Her father says, "Our house was full of books, but you did not read them, now why do you read this all the time?" I called on her the other day and took my Primer and read a little and she was delighted that I was learning. I do not know how far I shall advance, of course.

The summer is over and Mr. Browne and I are planning to leave next week for a tour to Geghi. We have no servant, as yet, I am sorry to say. I do hope some good one will be shown us.

The past week I have been intensely interested in the case of Mariam, Baghdasar Agha's daughter. Her husband has been drinking and very cruel to her, again and she is now seeking a divorce and to have the man imprisoned. I wish these things might be accomplished. Poor woman, how she has suffered. She has fled from Hooli in fear of him. A week ago yesterday she was at our room, at the city, all day, while Dr. Gates was at Megerek trying to do something for her. I had her lie down, but she could not sleep, but she seemed to enjoy her lunch.

Your tomatoes are done, Mrs. Barnum. Boghos is doing his very best at cooking for Mrs. Gates. We are all so sorry for poor Br. Muggerdich, that he is ill & can not work.

Wednesday Morn. Sept. 12th.

I am at the city and, as our Maiam has returned and has washed our rooms and done sewing for me, I am feeling very good-natured. Only I have had a trouble this morning, which I have cast on the Lord and now feel at peace. Sara Sarkisian is going to Diarbekir. The araba has come and Br. Hovsep, of Mardin, is ready to leave and no Sara and none of her goods! I have sent Stepan post-haste (!) for her.

Five minutes later. She has come here and gone! They now have four teachers in Diarbekir, for the girls, and four for the boys.

You know that Mr. Jones has come back from Diarbekir and is at our garden. He now has a guest, for two, or three days; the Dra-

goman of the Vali, a young Turk who knows English, German, &c.

This morning has been one so full of distractions that I can not write much more. I can not seem to think of all I wished to say. I wanted to write Miss Platt a letter of welcome, but may be obliged to leave it until next week. My love to her. I do not forget that it is the day in which our dear Emma is to be prayed for and very tenderly and lovingly have I offered many petitions for her.

I feel real sorrow for Laura. I have written congratulations, because I believe she is fitted for the one and the life she has chosen, but, nevertheless, I can not help feeling sorrow; and what will be done for the school?

The Lord bless you all and return you to us in health and safety, in His own time. Affectionately,

Cara E. Bush.

We hope to leave next week.

To Dr Daniels

Harpoot, July 1st 1900.

I wish to express to you my sincere gratitude for the volume of Dr. Clark's Addresses. It reached me safely by the last post and is a valuable and much prized addition to my small library. You know that I was robbed of all my books, so that everyone gained now is a special treasure. I wish to give my heart-felt thanks to the donor of the book and to you for forwarding it.

Yours gratefully,

Carrie E. Bush.

Now just come to Dr. Clark's being called up to Kharpoot. He was a great & good man.

Miss Caro E. Bush

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Diarbekir, Turkey, Asia.
January 24th 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your very kind letter of June 27th was duly received and I should have answered it long ago, but, during the summer there was nothing special to write and your time is too full to take any of it when there is no need. Since we commenced our touring, October 5th, I have tried to have most of my general letters to Harpoot go on to you, through Emma Barnum, at Marsovan, so that you and Mrs. Barton could keep track of us. Mr. Browne and I have had the feeling that you will rejoice in our having been able to take a tour into Koordistan and then have such an unexpectedly long period of service here, at a time when this church has been so specially needy.

It has been our most earnest desi
to have this church left in a position
where peace and harmony should be
a firm basis and where spiritual blessin
from the Lord could be effected. We
are now trying to get away from here,
if possible, to return home, but the
weather is bitter cold and it seems har
by right to start at such a time. We
are waiting the Lord's leading and the
is plenty of hopeful work all the time

On re-reading your letter I see the
one point in it ought to have led m
to write to you much sooner, so a
to relieve your mind on the subjec
of Bod. Asdoor of Peri's letter. Mr. Bro
was so sorry that an untranslated
letter had been sent to you. It was
without his, or my, knowledge. We
did not know about it for a long
time and I wrote to the church at
Taunton, telling what I knew about
the ~~the~~ work at Peri; a few weeks afte
that I obtained from Bod. Asdoor a
letter in Armenian which I translate

and sent to the church, fearing lest the letter he first wrote might not have reached you, or them. I am sorry that I did not inform you of this before.

I had intended also, sooner, to express my pleasure at your plan for the Ergroom girls' school. It is true that it would be much easier to obtain permission for the building of a missionary residence than for a girls' school. Miss Lord and Miss Bushnell are both most earnest workers.

I have it in my heart to speak to you a little about Miss Pratt and Miss Graf, of Mardin. The mental and physical condition of the latter is very sad and gives us all great anxiety, except as we cast it on the Lord in faith. You have no doubt been informed of her severe illness from typhoid, in the fall and her subsequent weakness and inability to return to work.

I am very sorry to note the blame attached by members of her station to Miss Platt, for Miss Graf's present condition.

I am intimately acquainted with Miss Pratt and it seems to me as if I owe it to her to tell you my view of the situation. Though I have had no letter from Miss Pratt since she left for America, yet I can appreciate the keen anxiety and sorrow it must give her to bear this blame.

Miss Graf seems to be a very sensitive and delicate person and has been greatly dependent on Miss Pratt, far more so than the latter thought good for her, or desired. Miss Graf probably overworked and this with the sorrow of being separated from Miss Pratt, probably broke her down. None of them realized that she was to be ill but believed that, by prayer and faith and rest she would be restored. Now the station feels that Dr. Thom was sulted too late and this is the reason why typhoid fever set in and left Miss Graf in such a broken-down condition. Of course this is possible, but is it not true, also, that, with the best medical care typhoid fever does gain in

ascendency and even makes a wreck of body and mind? Both these ladies are good and conscientious and when they felt the need of the physician they called him.

I have felt afraid that a man who could write in a letter to Dr. Barnum, "The egotistical Phariseeism of these believers in faith-healing is astonishing" might seek to prevent Miss Pratt's return to missionary ground. This was Dr. Dewey, who, I have observed of late, has been very severe in his criticisms of Miss Pratt. I feel as if I wish you to know that Mr. Browne and I regard her very highly. She is very devoted and and spiritually-minded and it seems to me that the people love her very much. If she has in any degree alienated her associates from herself by her views on faith healing, it seems to me it has been their fault in being so strongly prejudiced against the subject that it has put her in an unfortunate light. This strong feeling is most trying to bear for those who hold these views.

I, myself, can never be grateful enough to my associates, both in Ma-sovan and Harpoot, for their kindly charity toward me and for the large li-erty they have given me to believe as thought right, without harsh criticis-on their part.

As an example of the spirit preva-ing in the Mardin circle on this subjec-let me tell you, in strict confidence, that when I returned to Turkey so str-and well, I wrote Miss Pratt the story my healing and asked her to read it-Mrs. Andrus, who had always been a particular friend and correspondent Mrs. Andrus would not hear the letter through and dropped the correspond-without any explanation, not even sending me any word of welcome back to Harpoot. This was quite a trial to me, but I have learned sinc-that I must try to keep my faith more in the back-ground and I can let such things pass without bitterne-of spirit.

I should greatly regret having any of the Mardin circle know that I have written of these things, but it seemed to me that in order to fully do justice to Miss Pratt, in case the question of her returning should come up, you ought to know the situation in all its lights. I trust that all in her circle will advocate her return; at least I wish it might be so. I shall never forget your own perfect kindness to me when I wrote you of my experiences in ~~my own~~ healing and I believe you will deal as kindly with Miss Pratt, making all due allowance for those who feel so strongly against this faith.

I feel very tenderly toward Miss Graf and very sorry that she is in this condition. May the Lord, in great mercy, lift the light of His countenance upon her and restore her. How earnestly I pray for it, daily, longing that her complete restoration may be given in such a way as shall greatly glorify God's name in their midst.

It has been a joy to hear of Mrs. Barton's being so much better in hea May she continue to make progress Please give her and the children my love.

Mr. Browne and I find ourselves at the close of this week, held on to the people as hard as ever. I was lifted into a little bit of Heaven in the meet ing to-night, by hearing the clear, st voice of one of our finest young me in prayer; one for whom we both ha worked. He has established family prayers, also. At least four Gregoria men have been here this week, on diff rent days, to talk and pray with Mr Browne. Our hearts are full to overflow There is no doubt of the great work going on and to God be all the prais

Yours most gratefully,
Carrie E. Bush.

Mr. Browne sent you an account of our Koordistan tour some weeks ag

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Diarbekir, Turkey, Asia.
February 11th 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It is with great joy that I write to you the story of the remainder of our visit, sending by the hand of dear Emma Barnum, with my love to her and to all the good friends at Marsovan. How grateful I am for all their prayers.

I wrote you last week that we were again persuaded to stay over another Sabbath, for the sake of the communion, and that we hoped that some of the prominent brethren would unite with the church. Our greatest wishes were more than realized. We were busy all the week seeing those who seemed suitable for admission to the church and examining them with the church committee. Our

hearts and our time were full.

Monday evening we were again in
vited to Bro. Hagopi's, to dine with
Shepard. This was a delightful visit.
Tuesday evening we were invited, w
many of the prominent brethren, to
dine at Hoja Ohan's. It was the most
interesting occasion passed at any of
houses; but I forgot that I wrote yo
of these two visits.

Yesterday, Sunday, was a day of day
to us, the blessed culmination of these
months of work here. The communio
service occurred in the afternoon an
the early sermon and the talk at
the prayer-meeting, both given by
Mr. Browne, were in preparation fo
this feast. There were large and atte
tive audiences, with joy and expecta
cy in every heart. At the communio
which was most solemn and tender
sixty new members were received o
confession of their faith! There were
five married couples, heads of househo
received; there were nine young gir

from our orphanage and six girls from the Protestant school and three or four boys from the boys' orphanage. They were grey haired men and young men and women, the rich and the poor. Dr. Garabed and his daughter, Shamiram, were received. Shemmas Toma officiated as deacon, after his two long years of estrangement from the church, his two daughters were received to communion, and his youngest child, his only son, was baptized. As token of their gratitude the two young girls presented a rug to the church.

One young man who had been a skeptic and had been won to the truth in Christ by the prayers and labors of Bod. Hagop's wife, Pam. Mariam, clinched by a sermon from Mr. Browne, which brought in the light like a flood, passed a strikingly clear examination for admission. On Saturday, when we thought that all the examinations were finished,

there came two brothers and their wives a
the son of one of them. These brothers h
a most devoted Christian father, who
has been in Heaven for many years,
their lovely, aged mother is still livin
to pray for them. We had no idea
that they had been awakened, but th
examinations were remarkably clear
and convinced us that the Spirit
had been at work in a way of wh
we were not aware. In that big hou
hold there has been such faithfulnes
in private and family prayer as w
had no knowledge of, the women,
even taking part in family prayer
as well as the young boys of the hou

There was one dear girl from anothe
town, visiting at a relatives in Diar
bekir. In circumstances of peculiar
trial and though having been sur-
rounded all her life by most worl
ly influences, yet God's Spirit had
been awakening in her a great hun
gering and thirsting after righteou

and no one had the heart to refuse one who stood in such need of comfort and holy influences.

You will ask, Why should you have refused anyone? The responsibility was great, the time in which to try candidates was too brief, and yet, when the feeling was at such high tide and there had been such faithful, daily instruction at the meetings for so many weeks, it seemed better to receive all these rather than to leave them to drift away, with no pastor to attend to them and no certainty of the communion at any stated time in the near future.

Dr. Shepard of Jinlak was with us at the communion service and shared deeply in our joy. We thought we had seen happy hours in that church, but they were nothing to

this hour of solemn vows and con-
secration. ~~After the service there~~
The whole space in front of the ca-
lar steps around the pulpit plat-
form was filled with those who c
for the first time to make their
confession of faith. Some 217 in
communed, coming forward twenty
a time and kneeling around the altar
After the service there was much han-
shaking and many loving congratulations
given to those newly received and
their friends.

Hard as it was to leave this ne
band of Christians, not to speak
of the old friends who had just e
tered into a new joy because of th
reconciliations and because of m
new plans for service, yet we felt
that we must start for home on
Tuesday after the Sabbath, that is
to-morrow. To-day has been full

work, packing, calls to make and many coming to say last words. The Church and Parish Committee and others have been in a body, to express the warmest gratitude and confidence. They encourage us by their realization of the need there is to watch over and guard these newly-received members. They felt that they must ~~each~~ go to work the very next day, each choosing ~~several~~ male members for whom especially to work and pray. The teachers of the schools will take special charge of their scholars, of course, and the fathers and mothers of the orphanages will watch over the orphans. My meeting with the women this afternoon was the very best I have had and, in that the women pledged themselves to care for the new female members of the church. God grant that all may be faithful to their charge.

Of all the daily prayer-meetings Mr. Browne has held during these many weeks, none were so tender or so evidently pervaded by the Spirit's influences, as those of Friday and Saturday, just before the Communion Sunday. We indeed felt that it was holy ground.

The brethren, in their call this afternoon, just before sunset, begged and pled for a pastor and showed their perfect love and confidence by leaving the whole matter of selection in Mr. Browne's hands. But they pled still more earnestly for what several years ago they had also asked of you through us, — a missionary to live there and work in all that region. The request they urge me to write formally to you on their behalf by the next post, which I shall most gladly do.

Harpoot, February 18th.

A week ago to-day our hearts were full of last thoughts and plans for Diarbekir. On Tuesday we left, as we had planned. The weather was most propitious and the roads fine, even that over the mountain not being anything bad, but Mr. Browne was not well all the way and travelled with great suffering. He has been ill, in bed, ever since our return and often suffering much, but I am glad to say that to-day he seems much relieved and he and Mrs. Browne are bright and cheerful this afternoon.

I can not tell you with what gratitude Mr. Browne and I acknowledge the kindness of dear friends in Marsovan, Harpoot and Mardin, in praying for us and the Diarbekir church so continually and faithfully. We know that we were greatly helped by these prayers.

It is good, beyond words to ex-
press, to be at home again, especia
as we think of God's mercy in no
allowing Mr. Browne to be ill in the
way while we were absent. "All the
paths of the Lord are mercy and t
Lon once preached a sermon on tha
text. I believe I did not hear it, but
heard of it and so always associa
the text with you.

The mail that I found awaitin
me here brought me the tidings
of the entering into rest of my
dear sister Anne, on January 7th.
She passed away very suddenly,
with only a few hours' illness, duri
part of which time she was un
conscious. The separation is a wre
to my heart, but I rejoice in her
freedom from pain and suffering
Mamma is also very ill, at Jamb
if still living on this earth.

Do not be anxious about Mr
Browne, for the Doctor says that

trouble is no longer serious and he probably needs perfect rest for awhile. Daily meetings for so many weeks, with two, or three, on the Sabbath, of course was not play, besides which were the personal conversations and visits to the houses.

I rejoice to know that Mrs. Barlow is better, but sympathize with her and you in the trial you are built to have in your long absence from home on your projected tour. The Lord bless you on all your way. We wish you could take in Carpool on the way! What a welcome you would have!

With much love to Mrs. Barlow and your children,

Yours in the Master's service,

Carrie E. Bush.

Did I write you that, some weeks ago, the D. church raised £52. to pay off their debt of £40.?

Mr. & Mrs. Brown send love.

Miss E. E. Bush

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Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
February 18th 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I write to you to-day, impersonating a Diarbekirli, on behalf of the church at that place. The day before leaving Diarbekir we were waited upon by the Church and Parish Committees, who called to express their profound gratitude for our labors. Their words of confidence and love were most gratifying.

All were most urgent in begging us to make every effort to supply them with a pastor and they left the selection, with perfect faith in his judgment, in Mr. Brown's

hands. Only God knows where the right man can be found. They were equally urgent that we should again plead with Boston to send them a missionary all their own to work all that region of Kordistan and Choonkoosh, Chemook, Maden and Arghuni, with Diarbekir as a center.

Perhaps you remember that, a couple of years ago, Mr. Browne and I both wrote you on this subject the church also sending you a letter. This year they very modestly and shrinkingly broached the subject and asked if it was wise to write. We reminded them of Christ's parables on the widow pleading with the judge and the friend knocking at midnight at his neighbor's and they took courage. But they felt that it

not safe for them to write themselves, as letters are so apt to be opened in these days and any connection with foreigners is looked upon as almost a crime, in that Vilayet.

Mr. Browne explained to them the infelicity of his writing to you to plead their cause, as he knew what was the full meaning of their plea. I, too, knew it, and when they turned to me for help, though Mr. Browne laughingly declared that I ~~should~~ be sure and speak as a Diarbekirli and not as a missionary, I rose to emphasize my words and declared ~~my~~ intention not only to speak as a Diarbekirli for a missionary, but for him as the missionary to come to that city, as there is no one who knows that people, man ~~by~~ man, so well, and no missionary whom they know and love so well. After

these weeks and months of trial an
discipline together, a new and stro
love for each other has sprung up
between the hearts of that people
and this missionary. As a missi
ary, myself, I plead that Harpo
can not spare him at all, but as
delegated Diarbekir I declare th
to be just the man for that pla

Whether Mr. Browne can go, or
to such a hopeful field, may I ask
you to imagine at the close of
letter the names of all the prom
nent brethren of the Protestant
church of Diarbekir, whom I no
represent. We beg you to remem
ber the good done by the residen
of missionary ladies in the one
city of Oorfa and that Diarbekir
is not only one city, but has a va
region about it, full of towns an
villages accessible to the Gospel
and eager for workers. The city,

self, is important as a center of such a vast region; and also because the people are so intelligent, so ready and able to give, so ambitious for a growing work, so ready to appreciate all that a missionary could do for them. They are, too, weak, in just the line of leadership, their strong men having died, or emigrated. They humbly confess their need of some one strong enough to govern them and feel that only a missionary can do this as it should be done. Time was when they did not feel thus, but a sad experience has taught them how weak they are in the matter of harmony and good judgment.

There is no end to the work in the city and region if a missionary could be located there

and surely, in no place would it be more appreciated.

Is it not possible to plan for this in the near future? Is it not worth the while, for the sake of the large numbers of Gregorians, Greeks, Catholics and Syrians, as well as Protestants, all so ready to listen to the Gospel and so friendly to the missionary?

In the mean time, we ask your prayers that a pastor may be found and the church continue the course of peace and harmony now begun. We felt as if it was a great wrench to tear ourselves away from that people and to look back upon those months of labor as "Red-Letter" days in our lives of missionary service.

Begging you, for the sake of "Christ" and "Our Church" a favorable answer,

Yours in behalf of the Church in Diarbekir,

Caroline E. Rush.

Please send your reply to me here. A letter addressed to me at Van will be forwarded to Van if no other way.

Extract from letter of Miss C. E. Bush, Harpoot, Turkey, Feb. 20, 1901, to Charles E. Swett, recd. March 18, 1901.

"I found awaiting me news of the sudden death of my only sister, Miss Anne E. Bush, who has often written you from Rochester, N.Y. I speak of it so you may know that you will not hear from her again.

My brother's address is, "Mr. C. Homer Bush, New York Life Insurance Co., 302 & 304 Broadway, New York City." This in case any of my family must be communicated with."

Miss E. E. Bush,

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Schme, January 18th 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I send you this letter for the Union Cong'l Church in Taunton, Mass., that you will remember supports Bod. Avdoor Nikoghosian Peri. I send it to you so that you may know that I try to keep them informed. Don't take the time to read it if you do not feel like it, but possibly Dr. Strong might like to see it before it is forwarded to its destination, and you will see that I ask to have it forwarded to Mr. Vistar, at Philadelphia.

I want to thank you much for some of my share in your delightful letters written from the Red Sea. How I did enjoy them! Then Mrs. Barton

sent a good one to Aunt Hattie and me, for all of which, many thanks. They made your journey and work all seem so very real. I do not know when I have enjoyed anything more.

It is a pleasure to think of you as at home, watching over us again from nearer regions. I am very glad, for you both, that you have the dear children again and they also, have you. Please give them my love and tell them that Harold is sitting by my side, having actually come with his father here from the city yesterday, to be with us for awhile. He sends his love to Hattie & Maude. A happier boy you never saw, not to speak of my happiness in having friends with me after several days of being alone!

With much love to you both,

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Mr. Browne sends love.

Miss C. E. Bush

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Pereheny, February 8th 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

A letter from you has informed our circle of the payment of the Indemnity, for which we are all most grateful, of course. It has been a disappointment that it was decreased so much by the payment of indemnities to other individuals, or their heirs, from this sum which was intended only for us. However, it is really but a small matter, as far as the money is concerned, only one likes to see our Government just and fair.

I write to ask that you will please have my share, — $800. (eight hundred dollars,) as I have been informed from Washington, put at

interest in "The Five Cents Saving Bank", of Boston, or some other institution, for the present.

I have been a good deal puzzled to what was wise and best to do this money, but it seems to me, on whole, that the right thing is to p it by for old age. I wish that Harr would do this also. I fear that she proposes to give it to the Board I wish the Board would not let he for, would it not be pleasanter her to have it as her own and then it to the Board, if she desires.

This is our third tour and we h that we shall finish up the village this month and then, after a rest at home, leave for one of our large cit to work until Easter. After that Theological Seminary is opened an do not know just what I shall

Have you thought how harm the impression of such a paragra

as that on page 5-26 in the December Missionary Herald, — the one about Eastern Turkey in Asia? It must be. It has been copied in many papers and can not have failed to reach the eyes of some in this land. It is not true that "All touring is forbidden by the government." At least we have seen no such order. Does it mean the American, or Turkish, Government?

We had a call here from Mr. Carey, day before yesterday. He is here and there and everywhere and preaches through a translator. The Lord shield him from mistakes and from unwise words. I tremble for a new missionary when he is so active the first year. If he would be a little quieter and watch and learn, how much safer it would be. The more experience I have and the more I observe new missionaries, the more I appreciate what you were when you first came.

You are remembered here now, in many places, with respect and love and I am sure that we missionaries preciate your caution and care in speaking and working.

When I think of the Theological Class soon to be opened and of the fact that Mr. Carey is to have a sha in the work, I am wondering if it possible for an Andover man to ke his theological views to himself. I not, where are we to be landed? does seem to me as if some people now-a-days, were going to cut a most of the precious Book and makes me cling to it more closely Of course I am not educated up to it all, but when I see that such good men as Moody, Meyer, &c., to the old stand, I feel that I am gla I am not educated up to it.

Mr. Carey certainly needs much praying for. He has qualities for

first-class missionary, but he has much to learn, and the question is, is he going to be teachable? Is he going to be orthodox, steady, strong and persevering, and sympathetic with the people. He sees the faults of the latter now in a pretty strong light and Fancy thinks some of us too lenient and also old-fashioned in our ideas. It is possible that we may be a little like the hen who hatched a duck's egg and was in sore confusion when she saw her offspring take to the water! But then, you know that some of us have a little experience and know that it will not do "To hustle the East."

Mr. Browne and I wish to send love to all in your home. It is good to hear from you from there again.

Yours most cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

Thurs. Morn. Feb. 13th. We came home yesterday, to Harpoot. The day before I went to Kaloo to work and Ovasap, the older brother, indeed the only one we have there, I found full of fear. He solemnly declared that something is going on among the Koords and that friendly Turks say that there is to be another general massacre. Mr. Browne thought I would better come home yesterday morning and call on the way at the Consuls' & tell him what I had heard. I did so and found that much fear prevails in Mezreh. The Consul was very cautious in what he said, but advised our staying at home to work for the present. As the Bunch for the Indemnity had come Mrs. Browne sent right down

to Perchery for Mr. Browne to come home and sign, so he reached here before dinner.

I can not tell you the anguish that fills my soul and paralyzes my body as I think of more bloodshed. The people are utterly disheartened. I wonder that they do not turn from their wickedness to serve God. We had a blessed time of work while away. Please do not speak of dangers until something further comes, for all may pass as have so many other waves of fear. God be merciful to this land and to us all. Our only hope is in Him. We stay ourselves on God.

C. E. B.

I had a nice little talk with Mrs. Barnum yesterday about Mr. Carey. She has much hope that he will come out all right, but does not feel at all sure about the Lord's work. We have much to learn.

Mrs. C. E. Bush

to-day. One
dear Mrs. Platt
was obliged to
undergo an
operation yesterday,
which
was successful
and she is
getting along
finely to-day.
Our good Dr.
Shepard came on
from Darlington
to perform the operation.

Greenfoot, Feb. 22nd 1902

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am sorry that in my last letter I told you of fear about us, for I know it would make you anxious. All seems quiet now and I wished to inform you of this as soon as possible.

I happened to hear a good deal of it outside and was not a little alarmed. I am much rejoiced over Mrs. Barton's health. With love from Harriet and myself, to you both,

Yours cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

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Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
July 3d. 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton,
Dear Dr. Barton,

Your of May 16th. was gratefully received. It went down south and came back to me, so was late in arriving.

I am glad to tell you that, since I wrote you, Mr. Carey has perhaps more markedly revealed the talent that he possesses and, besides, has shown himself more tractable and amenable to counsel. He is certainly very capable and able to turn his hand to almost anything. He is making astonishing

strides in learning the language and filling up the chinks with Turkish besides! He is brusque and one has to have patience but we all hope that he is going to learn experience and be a good missionary in time.

The Careys have moved into Aunt Hattie's and my house this week and, to our great regret, our dear Misses Hall, Cunningham and Platt have moved into their new house. We have lived together with the greatest harmony all these years since they came. Now we must get accustomed to the new people. Mrs. Carey seems very lovely.

I do remember, Dr. Barton now that you mention it, how

some of us wished you to go faster, especially in the way of expressing your judgment as to the work, but I see now, by comparison, how much better was your way. However, I believe that all is coming out well.

Dr. Atkinson is just the opposite of Mr. Carey, deliberate and easy about everything. It is too early to prophesy what kind of a physician he is to be. I am only grateful, from my heart, that I do not need to call him. It is a very different thing, the trusting a man like Dr. Shepard, with name and fame and experience and such a wonderful personality, and trusting one of whom you know nothing.

More and more I like the way
chose so many years ago, of
trusting the Lord as the Great
Physician. It is remarkable, t
me, how much severe illness
there has been among missi
aries the past year.

And this reminds me to
speak of dear Miss Pratt, of M
I see that it is impossible fo
her to return there, unless a gr
change should take place
that station. The letter which
she wrote me letting of her de
cision and the decision of t
station was a noble one and
she is a noble woman and wo
God will surely bring her out
"into a large place", somewhe

I have wondered if she w

not be welcomed by the Presbyterian Board in Syria. They seem to have a missionary at Jaffa, a Miss Parsons, of like faith. I am not acquainted with her, but Dr. Dewey wrote of Miss Parsons' having sent him a tract on Divine Healing! I do hope that some place where she can be most happy and useful will, in God's own, good time, be found for Miss Pratt.

I rejoice over Mrs. Barton's improvement in health and daily pray that it may be continued to her.

Our whole season of touring was crowded with blessings. The five weeks absence at Dia-

bekir was full of happy work. T
they long for a missionary th
They continue to plead that M
Browne will bring his wife there
and make the place his home
part of the year.

We are getting grains of comf
on every hand. I have a beautiful
letter from a young man in S
eli, who is head and front of
the workers there. He told h
the Holy Spirit had enabled
their church committee to be
strong and put a man out of
the church who had long bee
wronging it in his office of t
collector, without any dissensi
arising from this rigorous meas
Br. Bedros Amerkhanian's son,

has been a teacher at Arabkir, has been doing finely there, and another son, just graduated from Marash, is to go to Tarkin to preach. Bod. Ourlad Tamgarian, pastor at Perchenj, has been urgently called to Arabkir and will probably go. He says that Dr. Caroline has stopped drinking and has a good influence in the church, for which he works hard.

I could tell you of the good work going on in Malatia in the schools and among the young men, and many other things, but spare you too long a recital.

I have written Mr. Wiggin about my Indemnity money. I think that Aunt Hettie will keep herself right. We are both very well and busy enough for ordinary mortals. We hope you do not overwork.

Yours cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

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Miss Caro E. Bush,

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Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
August 28th, 1902.

James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It is quite a long time since I have written you and, as this is the anniversary of my first Sabbath in Harpoot, thirty-two years ago, I might celebrate by writing to-day! I doubt not that Dr. Henry S. Barnum, now on his way here, is thinking of the journey he took with me at that time, to bring me on from Marsovan.

I am sorry to say that I shall probably not see him,

as he will not reach us until
next week Saturday, and I st
hope to leave before that on
tour to Egin, Arabkir and M
latia. I should not go so ear
but am obliged to go when I ca
have company. Dr. Melkon Be
yan, is to go on this trip to a
tend to eng and orphan wor
and must go now.

As Mr. Browne is detained
here by the Theological Class, p
ably until December, I must p
about the best I can at leas
until then. The weather alrea
shows signs of change and
hope I shall not suffer from
the heat. I am pretty well sea
soned, you know and can
bear a good deal.

We shall sorely miss dear Miriam Platt, who has just decided to leave, if possible, with Dr. H. S. Barnum, for a visit to America. She is not growing strong and Dr. Shepard thinks it best to go, as do we all. She is a treasure and I do hope that we can get her back again, well and strong.

We never had a better force of lady workers than Mary D., Theresa H., Miriam P. and Ada Hall. Good, dear, brave, happy women, devoted to Christ's work and so sincere and true.

Mrs. Browne thinks she can

more easily drop her household
cares and go on to the coast
with Miriam, than can any ot
of and number drop her work
and, too, the journey may do
good, as she greatly enjoys su
a trip.

It is a great sorrow to u
to see Mrs. Atkinson so mi
able in health. She will be
obliged to go to Amlak for tr
ment, this fall. Dr. Atkinson
has made no progress, wha
ever, in the language and
do not see how he can ever
become a successful physi
cian, he is so slow, so lac
ing in culture and so unhe

Yet, he is kind and good, I know, and Dr. Shepard says we must encourage him. I only pray I may not have to call him professionally. There, I am thinking out loud, you see!

Mr. Carey is a puzzle that none of us have yet solved and we can only wait and pray; all I can say is, that the two men are as different from the rest of the station as can be, and will they coalesce, is the question.

My heart aches for Dr. Barnum and Emma that they must have the burden of the College, (humanly speaking,) another year, and each post

we await Dr. Gales decision w
trepidation. It would look
if he is going to make the
decision entirely without co
sulting the Station, or kno
ing their views. I can not h
feel this keenly, not as a per
sonal affront, though I ha
known them since 1881, but
for the Station. It seems a
it was due us all, as their fr
to let us feel that he was c
ferring with us. There are w
and ways. It is a grief, how
ever, to any true servant o
God, when there is a failure
show that loving confiden
which is the ground of friends
Honored, we must take men as they

The post goes and I must close my letter. I trust you are all well. Harriet joins me in love to you all.

Most cordially,

Cora E. Bush.

Oct. Mon. I may gladly surprised while at my dinner last evening to receive a good, fat package of letters from my dear Carrie. I can not answer to-day and this letter is long enough for an answer, but I want to send my personal thanks to all the writers. It was a delightful surprise for my friends, since I have yet the letters. Thanks again, C.

Oct. 21st 1:15 P.M. It is very cold! Blood to clear from Miriam & Mis. T. Such a

While this hungry individual is awaiting her pe-lay, she will commence a letter. It will not seem gawky and cross, even if I am hungry, for I am full of such happy thoughts because of what I have seen to-day.

It seems that Dr. Caroline leads all the meetings and did for months before Bro. Harms came. Now he has changed and grown as a Christian! He called on me this morning. He says that his one aim is to be simple and to preach Christ. His eye and manner are quiet. He is serious and yet looks happy. He does not go into the pulpit, but stands below

Tuesday, 5 P.M. Sept. 22.

A lovely day; somewhat cooler, yesterday and to-day and now it is really very cloudy. I had fine success ~~yesterday~~ in making a large number of satisfactory visits yesterday and to-day, in distant quarters. I shall have to confess to having felt the heat greatly in my long walks in this place and it seems as if this has really been the only day that I have felt just like myself, — if any of you know what that is like! Then I am warming towards this work here, more and more. You know about the little pig whose ears they had to pull nearly off to get him to the watering-trough and then pull off his tail to get him away!

Your letters, received yesterday, were a fine feast. How grateful I was for all! Mrs. Browne and Miriam have had a hot time of it, but I hope they have been kept in comfort.

I wish I had been at your party, Harriet; it must have been pretty nice. How I laughed over Emma's answers to those questions! They were capital. Harriet Seymour, to think of your weighing so much! I am very glad that your watch goes well. I am glad that Miss Hodges is not to go to America. I am happy to say, Harriet, that the Sordsgim has gone off with her bride to a village near Sivas to live! Poor thing!

Yesterday morning Pam. Ashavin came to see me right after the morning meeting & I kept her to

breakfast and we had a beautiful visit, though my breakfast just happened to be not a success!

To-day the water was running fiercely down the gutter of a street thro which Kevork and I were passing. "Look!" he said. I turned & there was a little child, clad in shirt and dress, sitting composedly on the end of a strangh, with bare legs hanging down and letting all that water rush over him, dress & all! Kef!

Evening. We have had a hard rain and fine thunder-storm. Kevork gave me the best dish of badinjan & meat I ever tasted for dinner to-night! Until now the two sons of this house and their wives have been absent from home. Michael has been at Malatia. All came back to-night and came up to my room for a little to give me a pleasant welcome.

Wednesday, 5 P. M. You can not imagine what a change in the weather here, unless you have the same. I have been over to the distant grave of Geo. P. Kerr, a hard tramp & the houses fearfully cold.

While I think of it, let me say that I think you would better send your next fat package of letters to Egin, unless you know that some news from Bod. Karne, or something in your letters will certainly keep me here. Even if I should decide to stay ~~over~~ next week here, I should soon get your letters and it would be better than to have them come here and I not be here. I want to know if Bod. Karne is coming here again and, if so, when.

O Parson Browne, my oatmeal has all soured and I can not have any more! One of my

compensations for your not coming you know, was out — most everything.

If Bod. Karne comes, please send me my "Independents," — and a couple of stoves and two or three furs! And, and, — all of yourselves!

Dear Theresa and Ada, I know that it seems lonely without Miriam and I sympathize with you. "This also will pass," as the Turkish saying is. The Lord make those rooms in the new house bright with His presence. How I would like to steal one of you!

With much love to all,

Affectionately,

Caro E. Bush.

P. S. I fancy that the Knapps are snug and warm in the city home. Salutations to Miriam & Caspar.

Arakkir, Sept. 29th 1902.
Monday, 5 P.M.

My dear Harriet & Station,

I was indeed delightful to hear from you again to-day, after such a generous surprise as you gave me last Friday. How I laughed and laughed over Mr. Carey's letter. It was a great deal better than a box of sugar-coated pills, for the blues, only I did n't happen to have that disease just then.

Besides the treat I had in these letters, I had had another in the morning meeting. I had not seen so many present any week-day, I think, since Bod. Ke. left; and Dr. Harootune spoke so well and made such

a humble, heart - felt prayer at the close, (after others had prayed) that the end of the Lord's prayer in which we all joined, found me with eyes decidedly moist. I turned to speak to Jabeyan and it flashed thro my mind, "Keep the women a little for prayer, the meeting has been too short," and when I turned to do so, lo! they all beset me for the same purpose. So we sat down and there was such a blessed meeting! There was prayer after prayer, from overflowing hearts, good to hear, and four women prayed for the first time in their lives and so touchingly; one was Dere Ghazarian's wife!

This afternoon the same women, many of them, with

others, came to a house for a meet-
ing and new voices were heard
again, so that we have heard
seven, or eight new voices to-
day! And such love, such prayers
for Bod. K., for Dr. K., for
the church, for me! Arabic
women! Think of it!

Oh! I can not but think
that Bod. Kaume would do the
very best work of his life if
he would stay here just now &
work this city and Egin and
the plain, so hungry and ready
as they are. Dr. K. thinks so.
Can no one persuade him?

"Cold"! I shan't think it has
been cold. I do not think I was
really warm once yesterday, so
I put on my winter under-flan-
nels to-day and rejoiced in
something a little near to swel-

tering, (it having come off a
the warmer!) for I was not im-
proved in health by such freez-
ing conditions.

I have not told you about
the Sabbath. It was a peculiar-
ly good day; the service in the
morning was largely attended
& Dr. H. spoke well. My meet-
ing was most encouraging.
The first talk in the Sab. Sch.
was by Br. Garabed, who gave
twelve lessons on the subjects
of the last twelve Sabbaths,
the subjects being written on the blackboard.
spoke briefly on each. Dr. H.
spoke on the life and chara-
ter of Moses. Dr. H. is a con-
tinual surprise to me. His
leading of the meeting this
morning was most impressive
and the Spirit was there. It was

sang "I need Thee every hour," to close, it seemed as if every person in the house was alone, by himself, in communion with God. The subject was, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High," &c.

Wed. 5:10 P.M. I had a beautiful visit at Dr. Harootune's house last evening, taking dinner there.

To-day I had a little talk with Dr. Garabed Melikian. He has not won my esteem since I came here. Just as you have heard, Dr. Barnum, he expects to go to Persia on business, of course as a stepping-stone. His father is to go to Abyssinia, and his mother, later. He, himself, seems to feel no call to the ministry, or responsibility as to the work in this land. He is almost always late at meeting, and, when Dr.

C. left the meeting upon him for two mornings last week, the people had to wait so long that they finally commenced without him; then he was miffed. He does not succeed with the young men's meeting at all. But please do not write of this here, for it is of no use; I will tell you why when I come. It seemed to take my strength right out of me when I heard him talk to-day with so little feeling, about Christ's work. He is going to speak to the people about Purigian.

I went on my horse this morning way up to Thairoge Quarter to call, and enjoyed the ride. It has been a perfect day and the view was magnificent.

I had a long talk with Hannes Melikian, Dr. B.'s last year's meeting & does not come much & is not weakened.

Saturday Morn. Oct. 4th.

Thursday I made calls and had a meeting. Yesterday I went on my horse way off to the end of all things toward Harpoot, to places where I had never been before and reached home late for lunch, then while I was visiting here with a man and his wife from Kara Hissar, who are here for Kindergarten work, came word that Bed. Karne had come and wished to see me. When the visit was finished, I trotted over to see him and get my letters & tell him my plan.

Many, many thanks to all who wrote me. The letters were good. I can not answer especially. Pam. Aghavni will see to Zarooh's coming, Mary, & the Partabed has nothing to do with it. I hope she will be a prize.

I was sitting here, at my table, Parson(!) when in came the Vartabed's servant with his card, on the back of which was written a very polite request that I would come to the Aratchnortaran. I went and found Minas Agha & some Gregorians there. The Mevavin came in. The Vartabed wished to consult me about opening a Kindergarten. I saw through it all even before I went. We had a pleasant visit and I heartily favored his plan.

I expect to go to Shefik today. Bod. & K. will lead to-morrow morning's meeting here and then go to Shefik. I think we shall go to Egin on my Tuesday.

Love to all in abundance.

Affectionately,

Caro E. Bush.

Palu, November 1st 1902.
Saturday Morning.

Dear Harriet and Harpoot Friends,

It is a rarely beautiful morning. I do hope that Mr. Knapp is safe and well in Geghi for the Sabbath. I have to put continual rest and upon my thoughts lest they journey to that place, so greatly did I long to go there.

Yesterday and the day before I spent in calling diligently and was able to reach a large number of houses. I really believe that I never have experienced here a warmer welcome from the women. They are very busy with fall work and there is sickness in almost every house, but they even call me in as I pass in the street and are most cordial.

Several of the brethren were absent from home when we first reached here and they are showing their usual indifference, but, somehow, I have the feeling that I am going to see a change in this direction. A few come to the regular weekly prayer-meetings. There are eighteen scholars in the school. If the teacher had arrived here sooner there would have been many more. I believe that others will come before long. The preacher appears well and I like his wife.

When we first entered the parsonage yard I was astonished at the looks of the place, it was so dirty. Come to find out, the house was occupied by soldiers last winter and, later, by a Turkish family who only moved out a day or two before we came. The preacher and

his wife were told that they might move from the wretched place given them when they first came, into the parsonage, but it was not cleaned for them. They were obliged to hire a woman to help his wife to scrub - wash and clean the boards, &c. This big room, up-stairs, was very damp when we first came into it and there is still a great, wet place on the floor. Fortunately there has been sunshine to dry it.

This morning I have had a call from a woman whom I was glad to see alone, and then the priest with whom you and I are acquainted, Mr. Browne, and the head teacher of the school, came to see me. We had a very pleasant and, I hope, profitable talk. Alas! if they wish to do good here, they have such hard hearts to work upon.

Please be sure and send me letters at Peri. I have not decided yet whether to leave here next week Wednesday, Friday, or the following Monday, that is, the 10th. Mr. Knapp expects to be at Peri the 11th, or 12th. As you love me, please spare my feelings and not write, or say anything of regret at my not going with Mr. K. Can you not all believe that I earnestly sought divine guidance and that I truly wished to go?

I hope you have received our letters sent by the gaspiet, through Dr. Nelson. Mr. Knapp also wrote.

Afternoon. I have been out calling and returned. Had some delightful visits. While I was gone an Arab cleared up the yard. I have little hope that anyone will be ashamed

because my servant did it! What dainty meals he gives me; table nicely set and cooking so relishing and he so cheerful and kind.

Sabbath Eve. Perhaps I should say afternoon, but it is so dark that it seems late. Malyan Agha and I are working here! He came on Thursday, no, Friday, and I have great hope that he will be a help. It seemed as if I never should see the brethren to be able to do anything for them & I determined to send for them, one by one, if they did not come. I commenced with Krekor Agha Takhakhjian and he was very humble and good and I think I saw the result in a prayer that he made this morning. Finally, to-day, they came in one after the other and a good start was made towards pleasanter relations. One man was much touched by my

saying, this morning, that the priest and head teacher of the Gregorian school could come and see me, but my Protestant brethren could not find time to. He felt ashamed.

The preacher spoke on most appropriate subjects to-day and spoke well; that is, solemnly and encouraging ingly. I had a large number of women at my meeting. Actually there are new Protestant families here and I take heart and hope. All is not lost. The chapel is so rickety that I am grateful to get out of it after service, lest it collapse while I am there! It is safe. It is possible that I may remain here over another Sabbath, as the place is so needy, but I will not expect letters until I reach Peri.

My love to you all. God bless you all.

Affectionately,

Cara E. Bush.

Miss Caroline E. Bush, 94.

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Palu, November 1st 1902.

Ans'd JAN 13 1903

Rev. James L. Barton,

Dear Dr. Barton:

I enclose a letter from an Dr. Gates' brother in Chicago, in answer to one of mine, making inquiries concerning young David Gates, Jr. of Lake Forest, Illinois, who graduated from the Chicago Theological Seminary last summer.

Mr. David Gates, Sr. is a lawyer in Chicago, one of the Corporate Members of the Board, I believe. He and his wife are eastern people of sterling worth and dear, good friends of mine. Young Mr. Gates is their oldest son and one whom

I can well praise as a son, but knew nothing as to the points touched upon in this letter and wrote asking Mr. Gates. My thought was that, as he is so good a young man and of so fine a family, would be well to keep an eye upon him, although I do not know as he thinks in the least being a missionary.

The one thing that makes me shrink from sending this letter to you is what is said about orthodoxy; but probably this might be said of most of the young men who graduate from our Theological Seminaries in these days. Alas! if they only could realize how deviation from the old paths strikes the people

on mission ground and seek to hold a more conservative attitude, lest the weak be stumbled.

The other point, — lack of stability, — as well as the matter of orthodoxy, it will be more easy to judge of after the young man has been at work in his own land for a year or two. Of course this is all quite confidential, and I hope will not be quite useless for the cause.

I am off on my second tour of the season. The first was to the region of Arabkir and Egin. It lasted nearly six weeks, during which I visited eight places. I had no missionary companion, as all were too busy in Harpoot, even Mr. Browne being

bound there by work in the Theological Class. On my return from my tour I could not but realize how good for the outside work as well as that at Harpoot, has been his staying there. Besides his work in the Class, he has a large Sabbath School class of teachers and also a Sabbath School class composed of the boys in the College who are not teachers. I am sure we must rejoice over this, but, besides this, he, from that center, has been able to arrange as never before for the supply of the field, of course taking a great burden off of Dr Barnum and planning much more satisfactorily than if he had been off in the field.

As a larger class graduated

last summer from the College and they could not get to America, there are many more places supplied than at any time since the massacres. All are not satisfactory supplies in the time of preaching, but we live in hope of still better things.

The dear Barnums have a beautiful influence in the College & I have heard of its being said by two persons well informed that the spiritual condition of the College is better than for years past. I have felt, for many months, that this would be one of the results of the Barnums' so nobly taking up this work. Their faith and love would be thus rewarded.

My first tour was rich with pre-
cious opportunities and experience.
I was three weeks at Arabkir, where
Bod. Karmé had been laboring
for three months, with much spi-
ritual fruit following. Of course
it was a good atmosphere in
which to be. He is much change
being now a joyous worker. Dr.
Haroolune, who is government
physician at Arabkir, is also
greatly changed. He leads all the
services, daily meetings and the
on the Sabbath, when no pastor
is there and is a thoughtful, noble
Christian! This was great joy to me.

I was a week in Egin and also
visited the villages. One Sunday I
went from Aghnn before breakfast
over to Vakhshen and attended the S.

gorian service in their new church, then had the women gather for a meeting in one of the houses. A bite of fried egg-plant and bread and a few mouthfuls of water-melon was all I could wait for for breakfast, and then I hastened over to Kooshna for a women's meeting there and a prayer by the side of a poor crazy woman crouching on a roof.

An hour's ride brought me back to Aghun just in time to teach the large Sabbath School class of women and girls, after which I led their meeting. Then a visit with some of the principal brethren, to ask about the preacher and their plans, after which I did not scorn sitting down to a dinner of pelaf. My room was full of brethren and

sisters that evening, for religious conversation and prayer.

I was at home only a week and then started out with Mr. K for this place, it having been my intention to go with him to Leg But, before we left home, rumo reached our ears that the road fr here on was very unsafe from robb and Harriet really made me pro ise not to go. It was a great dis appointment, but I did not see to be "let" to go. To-day I had a le from Mr. Knapp, by the hand of his partner, announcing his sa arrival. I am very glad to hear i for everyone here has spoken of the road as dangerous.

This city is in the forlornest condition. The streets are filthy, there is sickness in almost every

house and the people are wretchedly oppressed. Our brethren are terribly discouraged and cold and careless beyond measure. I have just discovered that their great chapel is in almost hourly danger of a collapse and that when they have just obtained a man for preacher and teacher, after years of being left alone! Whether I shall be able to arouse them to do anything, I know not. I have had a warm welcome from the women at their homes; from Gregorians, as well as Protestants.

Please give my love to Mrs. Barton and the children. I hope to go to Peri next week Monday and Mr. Knapp will meet me there and, after visiting three more places, we go home before Thanksgiving.

Yours hopefully,

Caroline E. Burk.

95.
REC'D DEC 24 1902

Please give my love to Miriam, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. Ellsworth and Alice Browne; I'm somebody that Mr. Browne is, I'd decide best, with my love.

November 4th 1902.

Tuesday Morning.

My dear Harriet & Circle,

I must fill more than one sheet with this sheet.

Somehow I have not the slightest doubt that some of you spoke of me at table this morning and prayed for me at prayers, for is it not the memorable Fourth of November, when I came into the world to be such a discipline to you all!

A cheerful birthday in this muddy, dirty city, with no one to say "I wish you many happy returns," must be by the grace of God, but I hope for it. The day was celebrated by fire-works, long before light, I assure you. I was wakened by a fearful clap of thunder and the lightning was startling in its brightness. The rain just poured down and everything is soaking this morning & people diligently pounding their roofs.

My heart sinks within me as I think of the condition of this big chapel. Tavit, of Nukeshi, yesterday examined it and declares that it is unsettled from the foundation and only one little corner safe. He says that when a man is ill & near to death you can not tell what moment he will pass away, and so you can not tell when this building will fall.

Afternoon.

When I came here I found that the Gregorians had a plan to unite their boys' school and ours. I was not enthusiastic, tho not sure what you all might think about it, but now there seems nothing else to do. Every day that the teacher and his pupils are in the chapel they are running a fearful risk, and rain and snow make the risk greater. I do not wish to be here next Sabbath, for there ought to be no gathering in that chapel. They must dig &

get permission to come to this building, but they feel sure that permission will not be given for a school here. The desire of the Gregorians was to send to Harpoot for a girl teacher and have a united girls' school in the chapel, but now that will not do. This morning I visited the Gregorian schools. Yesterday I went to the priests' house and to that of the head teacher. To-day I have had a women's meeting. The older women feel dreadfully about the condition of things, because they remember the church as so different, but they can not influence the younger men.

When I returned from calling at noon to-day I found that a letter had come for me, by the gaptieh, from Mr. Knapp. I was grateful to hear of his safe arrival in Egypt. I have just written a note to Mrs. Knapp,

enclosing this, to send on to-
morrow by the hand of a man,
Hovhannes Ikkhakkjian, going
from here to Harpoot. This young
man had been drinking in his house
and was stupidly sleeping, when some-
one from the street called him impera-
tively and he rose, went to the inner,
leaned over the railing too far and
fell into the street on to his head.
One eye is so badly injured that
the sight is gone, tho no injury is
visible on the outside. Another
fearful warning to drinkers here.

Thursday Morn. It seems that
there is a little doubt about Kevork
Agha Kenegian's returning from
Harpoot to live here. His son,
Karikeen, is in Con'ple, trying
to get his diploma and does not
wish to live here when he returns.
Kevork Agha and Krikor Agha

Sabbath Eve. 7:40 P.M.

The last words have been said. It has been a full day, very full, with many people coming and the women's meeting. I hope that everything is fixed here for a girls' school, if I can get the teacher then I come to you and if the proposals I make are acceptable. The people are going to prop up the chapel temporarily this week, to last through the winter. They are going to start a Sabbath School and will send for new books through the teacher. I hope a weekly women's meeting will be continued. I do believe it will, for the preacher's wife is really earnest. When the chapel is repaired the women are to come down out of the gallery and I have worked hard to persuade the men that

they must see that their wives come to church. There have been plenty of balls to set a-rolling; let us see how many will roll! Some are too sharp-cornered to roll and some will persist in rolling down-hill, instead of up!

My muteler is ready for to-morrow and I hope my gaiter will be also. The weather is fine, but cold. I am glad I have had this visit and glad to go on. I look forward with great joy to my letters at Peis, to-morrow. I sent Mrs. Knapp, by a travellor, a letter from her husband, to me. It is barely possible that Mr. Knapp may reach home a day, or two, before me, if I find work in Peiping.

With much love to all,

Aff'ly,

Caro E. Buck.

Salutations to Mariam & Carper.

Takhakhjian are the only brethren who can do any work in the church. All depend on them, the two other young men are trustees of the school.

Krekore Agha this morning told the teacher to have his scholars come here for their school, and today he is going to have other master wall-builders examine into the state of the chapel more carefully. There were three brethren at the prayer-meeting last evening and two, or three sisters!

I am having good visits; full days of work. I shall probably stay until Monday, for Pein does not begin to be as needy as this place. It is sad to see how all are rushing after gain. It is a very cheap place in which to live and the Koords who buy do not know the value

things, so that almost any price can be asked. Parks saw four sheep sold for 100 pts. which would have brought at least 200 pts. in Belfast.

I do not think we shall reach home by Monday, the 17th, if I arrive in Peiu as late as Monday, the 10th, but we possibly may.

Friday Morning, Nov. 6th.

A rainy day in Pake! Mr. Browne knows what that means. I have been amusing myself by making some podyphillin pills for the teacher, out of some of the powder that you, Carrie, gave me long ago to use for Mr. Browne, if he needed it.

Last evening actually five of the brethren came to talk with me about the state of the chapel and what should be done and about a girls' school and I have n't felt so encouraged in a long time as by the

spirit they manifested. The truth is, this is just their very busiest time, as the Koords are now coming in to buy winter supplies. The work of the church is left upon a very few, but I am far from hopeless. I have hope that the preacher's influence will be good.

Saturday Afternoon. This morning dawn bright and beautiful after a very cloudy, cold and windy day yesterday. My plans are made for leaving for Peri on Monday. I had such a pleasant visit from the "Police" this morning, whose wife I met one day. He is an educated man from Konieh. Much of our talk was about religion. His two only children have died and he was ready for words of comfort. He accepted a Testament gratefully.

How such intelligent men dis-
this town! In spite of his intellig-
I was struck with the amount of
superstition mixed with the truth
of religion in such minds.

Before breakfast Kevork Agha
and Krikore Agha* came with a
master wall-builder to talk about
the chapel. They are to have a meet-
ing and decide what to do about
this and a girls' school. About the
middle of the morning Malgan
Agha and Kevork Agha Avak-
ian* came and we had a talk
about the church and work,
closing with a prayer by Malgan
Agha. He is very pleasant &
is trying to do the brethren good;
says that my coming has en-
couraged them much, for which
I am most grateful. It is
cold to-day.

Miss E. E. Bush 96.

Rec'd FEB 16 1903

Ans'd MAR 26 1903

Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.

Thanksgiving-Day, 1902.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Barton,

It is an imposition to add anything to my already long letter to Dr. Barton, but the Day calls it forth. I hope it may be a most happy one to you both. I will not be like Caspar, — you remember him of the round form, — the Brownes' servant, — who jumped out on Mr. B. this morning from the kitchen, while it was yet dark, with "Wish you a Merry Christmas!", triumphantly delivered.

You can not either of you be as thankful as Mr. Knapp and I, safe and snug at home after a tour of four weeks. We arrived yesterday.

after a rather hard journey. The first day we had rain and fog and mud on a most steep and mountainous road. Arrived at our village after dark. All were Koords and did not wish to take us in. Finally a stable was given us and our host was so unfriendly that it was difficult to get anything from him. It was amusing, as well as vexatious. I thought I should be obliged to sit up all night, but Mr. Knapp and Tarkis insisted on putting up my curtain, tho the place was so crowded, and my making myself comfortable. The result was a truly restful night in spite of various interruptions to sleep. I rested far better than in my good, soft bed at home, the first night after my return! Such

is the perversity of human nature.

It is delightful to be at home. The dinner and meeting have been at Mr. & Mrs. Browne's house and we have had a delightful time. There is an atmosphere of love which I find nowhere else and it fills my heart with joy.

Malatia, December 13th.

No one can possibly prophesy from where I shall date any letter. It would be as difficult as to decide where a flea would jump next! I had two happy weeks at home and then, to my great satisfaction, Mr. Browne was able to see his way clear to come on here with me. Mr. Knapp could not possibly leave home now until after Christmas and this city was in sore need of a visit. By the very week's post in which I wrote here that we would arrive on such a day, we received a warm invitation from

this church, to come here and work for two, or three, months. Of course we do not yet decide how long we shall stay. The church is in a dreadful condition. Bod. Mardiros resigned so months ago and there has been no one to take his place. The schools are excellent; three teachers in the boys' and three in the girls' school. We can only pray that the Lord will not us hide for the church.

I look back with great satisfaction on my tour to Palu and Peri, not because of the great work accomplished but because of the Lord's gracious leading.

You will wonder that Mr. Browne should venture out again, but he has done it after much thought and prayer, believing that the Lord has called him to make this venture. He came in a most comfortable spring wagon and bore the journey well. We were so grate

ful to have no snow, or rain to hinder us. We sped over the road at good rate, I on my horse, with a gaplich who joined us at Khankeny, on his way to Adiaman. I have, for many years, longed to travel with the post and this journey was like that, trying to keep up with the wagon. How I enjoyed it! Mr. Browne seems very well and bright and ready for work.

January 2nd 1903.

I wish you both a very "Happy New Year" and many of them in your present position of usefulness.

The people have fairly laid hold of us for the Week of Prayer. It is truly an act of faith on Mr. Browne's part to stay, for he has neither horse nor saddle, if snow should come and the road be so blocked with it that a wagon could not travel. It is wonderful what risks travellers do endure in this land and yet survive. To-day a young man from Tokat came to see us who had

just came over the road in a wagon. He said there was a mass of snow and they were obliged to walk a great deal. The post, which should reach here on Tuesday, or Wednesday, for the last two, or three, weeks has not come until Saturday, or Sunday, — that is, the Constantinople post. You can imagine how much snow there must be on the mountains. We have had none, as yet, here. But there have been very few sunny days, and oh! how much rain and mud. Our servant has just come in (it is now Saturday morning, Jan. 5th,) and say that the Constantinople post passed last night; that is, it will not reach Harpoot until to-morrow. The southern post has not come! So you see we are obliged still to adopt the saying of the country, "Patience life."

I can not tell you the lifeless, hopeless, faithless state in which we found this people. It has seemed like life

a dead weight to talk, or preach to them. There is no eager response, tho they want the meetings and listen well. Those who pray are men who have no spiritual influence and whose lives do not correspond to their prayers. There is really only one earnest, Christian woman among them all, as far as I can see. Yet we labor on in hope, trying not ~~not~~ to judge, and not to be like Elijah, who thought that he was left alone to worship God. We know not the thoughts that are working in the hearts of men and women and I am perfectly sure that we see some signs of good. The meetings are different and I can see that individuals are moved. It is very difficult, as you well know, to overcome the inertia of an Oriental people. "It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," is my great comfort.

Yours in hope,

Cara E. Bush.

I have not spoken of our great joy in the hope of Mr. Henry Riggs' coming. We are all grateful beyond expression.

Tuesday, January 13th 1903.

I have kept this letter, hoping that Mr. Browne would have some word of more joyful strain to add to it; but now he is so deep in work that I despair of his writing. Two meetings a day, with many calls between times, makes a man keep on the jump.

I will just add a little, to tell you that our visit here is giving us great encouragement. Not all we long for, but still, the meetings are full, people most attentive and eager and there are individuals who give us hope that the Spirit is at work in hearts. If I could see you I could tell you of interesting cases. There are hard problems here and it is especially difficult to arouse the women to do anything.

I am sure that the Lord led here and has kept us here far beyond our expectations for some good purposes, which He is manifesting day by day.

Because of a telegram received from Dr. Barnum last Saturday, we are led somewhat to expect Mr. Riggs here this week Saturday, as he left Cesarea on Wednesday, the 7th; yet the snow on Chamla Bet may make his journey slow. We have hope of going on from here with Mr. Riggs, but are not sure, as work may open to detain us. It is good to feel that our coming has brought hope and cheer to an almost hopeless people.

Mr. Browne sends kind regards. Love to the children.

Again cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Mr. Browne seems very well and full of enthusiasm in work.

Miss C. E. Bush

97.

Confidential.

Rec'd APR 7 1903

Ans'd AUG 3 1903

Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
March 12th 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It is probable that, from some one of our circle, you have ere this heard that I have not been out touring for over a month! I started out early in September and took that long tour of about six weeks to Arabkir, Egin, &c., then, after a week at home, was absent for a month in Palu and Peri, most of the time alone, after which, (with a week at home,) I was out six weeks on the Malatia tour, with Mr. Browne.

I had planned to work hard and fast and to be out longer than on any year thus far, when,

to my surprise, a halt was called.

For two years, when at Peri, I have had times of feeling a stricture in my chest and difficulty in breathing. It lasted but a little while, but this year, at Malatia, I had three severe attacks of it, with the addition of pain in my arms, great pallor and loss of strength. It seemed as if the trouble was with my heart and I was dying.

On my return from Malatia I seemed very well and after few days was off again to Coghe on the last Saturday in January. Mr. Knapp was to join me there and we were to go on to Cukoosie and Ochne. But Sunday morning I was seized with the same trouble far more severely than ever before and could do no work all day. The weather was terribly cold and when I

to chapel before breakfast I could hardly reach there. In the chapel the breath of everyone poured out of mouth and nostrils like steam. The air of my room was close and bad. I could not exert myself all day without a return of the attack.

Mr. Knapp came down and was distressed and frightened to see me, and we both returned home on Monday. The Doctor says that bad air, the intense cold and weariness, brought on nervous exhaustion which affected my heart and all my system. He and all the circle agreed that I must have rest and recuperate. The Doctor faithfully examined my heart and declares that there is no

organic trouble.

I am glad to tell you that, since I have stayed at home, I have had no further attack, only weakness and loss of breath and a threatening of the trouble when I walk fast, or ascend a hill, or the stairs. But I soon commenced to try my strength as I was able. Dear Emma Barnum consented to leave home and parents and go off touring in my place for awhile. She took the tour to the villages with Mr. Knapp and is now in Deadwood with him. As you know she is an ideal tourer and I have many times tried to get her to go into the work with me, but she felt that she ought not leave her parents. Concerning that Mr. Riggs is with them,

felt differently and they have been self-sacrificing enough to let her go.

I have been three times to Megerek, the first time only for a visit at the Consuls' and oh! in how much weakness. The next time I made five calls and became very weary, but yesterday, after five calls and lunch at the Noiton's, I came home and wrote an important Armenian letter and can assure you that I, for the first time, feel decidedly that I am on the "up-grade."

I have taken Emma's work school both times that she has been absent. It is not heavy; a few music lessons, opening school and religious meetings when called upon. My

appetite is good and sleep is generally so, though I have had many wakeful hours. I take rest in the day-time when I need it and can see a steady gain in health, if I am not mistaken. I must go slowly but hope to be out at village more and more. I am happy and hopeful and do not want you to be anxious for me, I shall come out all right I am confident.

Pardon this long story, it seemed as if you ought to know. I have been very careful how I have written of this and have asked others not to write, for I did not want letter after letter of sympathy pouring in here some time

thing after I was well! Then people are so apt to think the case worse than it is when heard from by letter. Then, too, I did not wish Mamma, who is so very frail, to hear of it, nor did I wish to alarm other relatives. So I write "confidential" at the head of my letter, hoping that this news will not be spread abroad.

Mr. Brown

Thank you for your most interesting letter of Jan. 13th. In view of the wonderful revival at Imlay, in which we are all so deeply interested, be assured that no effort of prayer, or personal appeal is left untried to bring about a like state of things here. Mr. Carey seems thoroughly in earnest in working for the Lord. He grows. The Atkinsons are greatly stirred by the work in Imlay. Aunt Hettie is well and we join in love to you and Mrs. Barton and "the children". Yours hopefully,

Caro E. Bush.

I greatly enjoy my work in the school, but take so long to be out in the field. Mr. Brown is a great disappointment. Mr. Warren's health is very delicate. Do not mention this to anyone.

Rec'd MAY 4 1903

Miss C. E. Bush,

98.

Ans'd AUG 3 1903

Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
April 8th 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have written Mrs Wilson a letter of welcome and suggestions about saddle and rubber cloak, &c., which may I trouble you to forward to her?

To this I will only add that I have been steadily improving in health and have been out many times to Mezreh and Husenik for work and to Perchenj and Hulakigh for three, or four, days' stay. I am most grateful to be at work again, even tho it is with limitations.

Love to Mrs. Barton and the "children."

Yours in much hope,

Clara E. Bush.

I take suitable rest, but really am busy & happily so.

Miss C. E. Bush, 99

Rec'd JUN 22 1903

Ans'd AUG 3 1903

Chemishgezek, Turkey, Asia.
May 18th 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of March 26th lies before me and I am glad to answer it from this place. It gives me great comfort to see the deep interest you take in my work from place to place and to know that you look back upon this touring work with pleasure.

Yesterday Bedros Paghigian said, "Why, we thought Mr. Barton was intending to come here." He meant; Mr. Knapp and laughingly corrected himself, but it shows that your name and personality have not yet faded out of their minds.

I am glad to tell you that this is my second tour since I last wrote you.

I told you, in that last letter, of Miss Barnum's being off on a tour with Mr. Knapp. They returned sooner than we expected and, after their extraordinary experience at Arghuni, Mr. Riggs and I were pleased to make an appearance at the very same town. We went first to Maden, where Mr. Riggs had his first experience at settling church difficulties in our field. At Arghuni the people seemed rather afraid to visit us for, though the obstreperous Mudir has been severely punished by being put out of office, yet the Gregorians are so unfriendly to the Protestants, on account of trouble about taxes, that the latter were in mortal fear of having some charge trumped up against them, if seen in communication with us.

From Arghuni we went to Chermook and then to Chaankoosh, the whole tour lasting a little over two weeks. At every place, save Arghuni, we had some encouragement

At every place officials were most courteous and careful to supply our wants. The punishment of the Mudir had evidently done good, though never, in all my experience, have I had anything but courtesy from government officials.

On that tour I felt improvement in health all the time and there was much to enjoy in the work. We had warm welcomes everywhere. Mr. Riggs is an excellent tourer. He wins the people, is grave and careful with them, but merry and cheerful and is a good preacher, using Turkish, or Armenian, as seems best. He is modest, in spite of his new position. He seems deeply interested in all the work of our station and field.

After returning home I found it best to come here to work for a week, and Mr. Riggs and Dr. Melkon Bennegan came with me for the Sabbath. They left here to-day to go on to Aghan,

and from there to Egin and Arabkir, reaching Harpoot again next week, on Tuesday, the 26th. I hope to leave here on Saturday of this week and spend Sunday in Ashvan, which seems to me about as desolate and dark, as far as the Truth is concerned, as villages are in the wilds of Koordistan.

We had a warm welcome here and a most profitable Sabbath. This last winter the church here has been blest by the presence of an earnest worker and his wife, both last year graduates of our College. I am rejoiced to see how earnestly they have been at work in church and schools. Of course the young man has had no theological training and this the first school he has taught, so one can not expect perfection, but he and his wife, both, have seemed to try to do their very best and to love the work and be loved by the p

They have been trying to get young men to give up drinking and smoking. The scholars in the schools seem enthusiastic in their studies.

I take new heart and hope as I see how well I am bearing this second trip. Of course I am cautious in work and try to take proper rest and limit myself each day as to work. The heat on the journey here was unusual for this season and was rather wearying. I am most grateful if God will again strengthen me for this work of which our whole field stands in such need. As the body weakens, my spirit grasps the value of this evangelistic work and longs to be permitted to continue in it.

Please give love to Mrs. Barton and the "children."

Yours hopefully,

Caro E. Bush.

Carpoot, May 27th.

I feel that I must announce to my safe return here day before yesterday, and Mr. Riggs arrived this morning. I had a good visit at Chemigezek, with abundant exhibitions human nature as seen in the East. Why can we not see a more vital Christianity in our churches?

I spent the Sabbath in Ashoun a place in which no missionary has ever worked a Sabbath, I believe. It was rather a pioneer experience. I was kindly entertained at Avedis Effendi Ajemian's house and he tried to get the church opened for me to "preach" to the women but the priest and some "big" hindered. However I felt that it was profitable day in many ways as I had plenty of people to talk for.

My muleteer had to go up to a Koordish village on another road,

Sunday. He told me that a Koord, whose son has just gone to America, had expected us there. I said "I would liked to have gone had it not been for my desire to work in Ashvan", to which he replied, "It would have been far better to work in this Koordish village than in Ashvan; that was like hell to me, from morning until evening"!

I have been elected one of the delegates to Annual Meeting at Van, but have not yet decided that I would better go. Will see how the Harrises get here and how my health is. All pretty well here. Miss Hall and Miss Huntington to leave for Van "Jule 1st", for dentistry. To-day is the 33d anniversary of my leaving America!

Again cordially,

Caro E. Rush.

Miss Carro E. Bush, 100.

Rec'd AUG 17 1903

Ans'd SEP 10 1903

Harpoot, Turkey, Asia.
July 16th 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am about to surprise you by the information that a vote is now going around the Mission for my return to America this fall, if necessary, for a vacation.

I did not wish to take this step, nor was anything said about it until a couple of weeks ago. But it seemed evident, by that time, that it would be wise to think about a vacation. Perhaps it would mean ten more years of service, if the Lord wills, while a longer stay just now, might

mean a permanent break-down. It is ten years this fall since my last return. My sober judgment says that it is the wisest thing for me to leave awhile, as I have not recovered from last winter's weakness as I should, and to seem to be able to rest and recuperate here. I seem to have lost my grip. Conditions are depressing and I have not enough strength to bear them.

On the other hand, it is the last thing I would choose to leave Aunt Cattie, when it may possibly be her last year of work and when Mr. & Mrs. Browne and Miss Daniels are also obliged to go. I are too many to leave action at once; yet, for the also

mentioned reason, it may be inevitable. We have all been very busy of late, schools closing and the Carrises coming for a visit, but now I feel as if my first duty is to rest, and I am going to try to. I have had recourse to a little medicine, of late, but it does not seem to do me any good. I am sorry I am so naughty and must call on you for patience, but, if the summer's rest does not restore me, I am counting much on the journey for a great start toward health. I am not one who "enjoys poor health," you know.

The Brownes and Miss Daniels expect to leave the middle of September. The route of course we shall inform you of.

We had a delightful visit from

the Harrises and we hope that they did much good while here. We alw feel their presence an inspiratio

Wednesday, July 22nd.

I have been in bed for a couple of days, to see if complete quiet would help me, and it has. Mrs. Thom and her little Catherine and Mrs. Thom's niece, have come here to spend the remainder of the summer. Mr. Andrews and Miss Tenanga came up with them and have left us to-day. Miss Tenanga seems like the right woman in the right place.

You have no doubt heard of the English Consul, Mr. Du Vall being with us, seriously ill with typhoid fever. It is about thirty-five days since he was taken, I believe, and still no one can tell

how the case will turn. It is a very anxious time for us all. Dr. & Mrs. Atkinson have devoted themselves to him. He has seemed an admirable man for this place and his presence was great cheer to Dr. Norton under most depressing circumstances. Our hearts ache for prisoners.

I trust you are all well at home and will enjoy some happy days of vacation together. Of course I shall inform you of my plans further on. Hoping for the best,

Yours cordially,

Clara E. Bush.

Love to Mrs. Barton and your children. It will be a pleasure to see you all, if I do come.

Smyrna Harbor,
October 2nd 1903.

Dr. & Mrs. Barton,

I have only
minutes before the boat
n which to write you of our
rival at this place. With what
de I look back upon all the
y passed I can not tell you
nd journey was much
than I expected and, from
st, I improved in health.
its at Malaha, Trivas and
an were delightful, espec-
l the last place, for me,
ou know it was my home
year ten years ago.
land journey was marred
y Mary Daniels' seriously

spraining her ankle the day before we reached Samsoon. Dr. Carrington fortunately arrived at Erzerum, returning from Cars'ple, almost as soon as we did and he carefully bound up the poor ankle, but gravely declared that she could not go on, but ought to go back with him to Marsovan and enter the Hospital. Poor Mary was all broken up, but there was nothing else to do and she went off bravely the next morning.

I offered to go back with her, but she had the best of care both for the journey and for her stay and as Dr. Carrington seemed to feel that the injury might keep her at M. for weeks and, even months, possibly, it seemed best for me to go on.

I do hope she will be free soon. I think I will enclose her letter to me. This is a severe trial for her and it was no little disappointment to me.

We reached Con'ple last Sabbath, late in the afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. Browne were at the Bible House and I, at Tedik Pasha. We had a delightful journey on the Black Sea and visit in Con'ple. We sailed from Con'ple yesterday, at 4:30 P. M. on the Messagrie S. S. Congo. We hope to reach Naples on the 6th, take a trip to Rome, as we have from eight to ten days there, and, returning to Naples, sail from there for New York, on the 16th, in the North German Lloyd S. S. Lahn. I have written to Dr. Creegan, but directed 22nd St., instead of 23d!

Dr. & Mrs. Farnsworth are with us. It seems to me that Mr. Rose is better than at any time on our journey, but I can not certainly tell. The rest of us are well and I am wonderfully improved in health. We had a very happy send-off from Dover, the friends coming down to the foot of the stairs and out on to the side-walk in front of the Bible House.

This is a fine steamer on which we now are. We all are love. It is good to think of seeing our own landscape.

Gratefully yours,

Caro E. Rose

Miss Caro E. Bush 102.

REC'D NOV 16 1903

170 Winthrop Street,
Taunton, Massachusetts.
November 14th 1903.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 9th, with plenty of Harpoot letters enclosed. I was hungry for news from there. I feel almost injured to think that the Brownes have seen you all and I have not! But that pleasure is still in store.

I had refused to go to Norwich to the Eastern Ct. Branch meeting next Wednesday and then, after I had also denied a delightful invitation to New York for next week, came such a loving plea from Mrs. Huntington of Norwich, that I have decided to

go there next Tuesday! The trip
New York would have involve
many visits, but I hope to have
responsibility at Norwich and
return on Thursday, or, at the
test, on Monday, the 23d. I ca
not come to Boston until I ha
had more quiet here, I suppo
for that, also, will involve m
visits.

Please keep, until I come
package I sent from Carpoo
And I wish that a black line
could be drawn over my pictur
in the group, it is so bad, the
good for my pride! Possibly,
it is to be published some pho
graphs could manufacture som
eyes for it!

Much love to Mrs. Barton.
intended to put her name, too, a
the head of this letter, but my pen
so learned to write you on business
it omitted it, but the name is the
in my mind, just the same.

Yours gratefully, Cara E. Rus

Mamma & Annie send kind regards. They both have been the call you are
now at Norwich and will be glad to see you and will be pleased if you can come again some day.

Miss Caro E. Beesh

103.
Rec'd MAR 5 1904

Englewood, N.J.
March 3d. 1904.

Rev. James Le. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am well and have been enjoying delightful visits. Spoke to the ladies of Manhattan Church on Tuesday and am to speak here, at a drawing-room gathering to-day. My visit in New York was very pleasant.

I expect to leave to-morrow for Philadelphia, but only to be there until Wednesday and at different places, so will send no address.

May I ask you to send to

Mr. Palmer and to Miss Caldwell and Miss Stanwood, the following address, so that if there is any letter to be sent to me it may be forwarded at once: Care Mr. Edmund R. Platt, 24 Garfield Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

I am to be there only three days, therefore do not care to have letters sent there more than once. Will give my next address soon.

If there is any great necessity for finding me soonest, I am to be at New York, care Mr. Charles E. Whittemore, 68 East 11th Street next week Wednesday.

With love to Mrs. Barton and "the children,"

Yours cordially,

Clara E. Bush.

How grateful I am for the Release of Prof. Tenekejian and all the good items from Harpoot.

Miss Cara E. Bush 104.

REC'D APR 4 1904

Watertown March 30th 1904.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Barton,

Ever since I left the east I have intended to write you, but have found it almost impossible. So many moves have required so much correspondence that friendly letters, or, rather, letters of friendship, have been left.

First of all I wish to tell you how I regretted not making my "parting call," and that was the chief reason why I desired to write soon. My cousin, Mrs. Templton, was willing to come with me and I wished to have her, but each

week was so full it was impossible and especially because she had so much illness in her home that we could not get out together. I did not much like to venture to try getting over to your house alone. So I know you will excuse my seeming rudeness and allow me to say, at this late day, that we had a very pleasant time and were very grateful that you brought us all to your home together.

In the second place, I must quickly answer your letter, Dr. Barton, received to-day. I have been here since March 15th and hope to remain until the middle of April, when I expect to go to Rochester,

New York, for a month. I will send you my address there in good season. You see that I shall be far from Taunton at the time of the Council there and it certainly would not be wise for me to take the journey from Rochester to Taunton & back for that address.

I feel, too, that I must speak just as little as possible. You would not believe it, that I am naturally so timid about speaking, that, tho I love to do it, I am obliged to keep such tremendous control of myself to be self-possessed and not lose my poise, that it wearies me much.

My appetite is very good and I generally sleep well. I have

gained in flesh and now ach
by weigh 93 lbs.! I have not
weighed so much for many y
I have had delightful visits an
many blessed opportunities
speaking about our work, a
of which I have improved a
had a most kind and cordi
reception everywhere. It does
too bad that, when I really lo
to speak and have such a s
& such grand opportunities,
sage to give, I must deny
self the privilege.

Have you heard of the de
of Miss Seymour's youngest s
in Philadelphia, — Miss Mary
Seymour! She had gone a
passed away the next day a
I left their home!

My love to "the infants".
I know you are all rejoicin
the spring, as am I.

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

Miss C. E. Bush. 105.

Rec'd APR 2 1904

Watertown, April 1st.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

In my letter
forgot to express my great sat-
action and pleasure at the
od news of Mr. Ernest Riggs'
ing to Harpoot this summer.
suppose that he and Miss
ime Tracy will go together.
I rejoice greatly at all the
od things I hear about Prof.
nekejian.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Rev: James L. Barton, D.
A.B.C.F.M. Rooms.

Kindness of Miss Day.

Miss Caro E. Bush, 106.

Rec'd MAY 16 1904

Ans'd MAY 18 1904

Rochester, May 14th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

"Westward the Star of Empire" (no, only a humble little bush,) takes its way"! I am to leave here the 23d, after which my address will be, Care David Tyler, Esq. Lake Forest, Illinois. Please inform Mr. Palmer of change of address, so that letters can be forwarded.

I am very well and have had a glorious good time here. Friends have been most kind and I have have had blessed opportunities for work here and at Syracuse.

Love to Mrs. Barton and the young people.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Miss Caro E. Bush

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REC'D JUN 2 1904

Ill.

Lake Forest, May 31st, 1904.

ANS'D JUN 4 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Many thanks for your letter. It is always good to hear from you. I can imagine how you are all enjoying your home in this lovely spring weather, and do wish I could step in upon you. But I, too, am in one of the loveliest places on God's earth, a real bower of beauty. The home is delightful and so quiet that I believe I am going to have time rest here.

There is one thing that I greatly desire to do; and that is, to try to get some money for the Hospital and a trained nurse

for Harpoot. I have already sen
on to Harpoot $50. the gift of a
Mistat of Philadelphia, and $7.
gift of a Presbyterian minister's
and her little son in Watertown

Now I want to ask you how
much money you think is nee
ed and if I am authorized to
what I can for Hospital and n
I love to have something practi
cal for which to work and t
are such rich people here and
am sure that Mr. Tales has bot
the heart and the ability to p
me in the way of such peopl
May I ask for a speedy reply?

Since the news of Miss Seym
coming to this country, tho i
was not wholly a surprise to m
it has been an effort not to
sorely depressed. It means so
much to me to have our longe
panionship in the flesh end

But it is all right, I doubt not. I was the one who wrote her as to the health and circumstances of her sisters, a letter which probably started her on her way. Her coming makes me feel as if perhaps I ought to start back to Cairo this fall, but everyone advises against it. I had a talk with Mr Stanwood about it and he felt as others do, that to be here less than a year was too little time; that it is not a question of my coming here from Turkey, but I am here and would better remain until I am more fully established in the good ways of health on which I have started.

You will be glad to hear that I took a decided start while in Rochester. Here, I am riding, walking, drinking milk and having music and fun and hope to gain yet more. And yet I

do not at present see it plainly my duty to start back this fall, I long to be back in my work. I feel sure that haste is not best. How do you look at it? I wish for a voice from the Lord that shall satisfy me in this matter. was so plain to me when I first returned. I want it to be so now when I go.

Please give my love to Mrs. Barlow and the "children" and believe me,

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

Miss C. E. Bushnell

Rec'd JUN 8 1904 108.

Ans'd JUN 8 1904

Lake Forest, June 5th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Last week I wrote you a letter to which I earnestly desired a speedy reply. You are generally so prompt that I cannot but fear that you were absent. Yet I will venture to repeat my questions.

I have a rare opportunity to seek, with Mr. Tales' aid, some money for a Hospital and trained nurse for Harpoot. Shall I avail myself of it, and for how much shall I ask? How much is needed? I must have some limit to set and if you have any helps to a statement of the need, please send them on. But

send me your pleasure as to making this attempt as soon possible, for Mr. Tales seems interested and will help me to cure money as far as in his pow and I may not be here very lo

I feel that this is a very im portant matter while I am he I wrote you of a few little gifts that I have sent on, but no all we need, by any means.

Hoping for a speedy reply

Yours sincerely,

Cara E. Bush.

Care David Tales, Esq.
Lake Forest,
Illinois.

N. B. Please write something that, to a business man, will show that I have your strong a proval and ~~will sustain~~ me in m

Miss Caro E. Bush, 109.

Rec'd JUN 23 1904

Ans'd JUN 23 1904

Lake Forest, June 21st 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Barton,

I feel as if I wish to write to you both and tell you of my disappointment. I can not, of course, but think of the joy of having Harriet longer at Harpoot, if she is well, but there can not help but come a sorrow that she was not able to reach here before a break-down.

When I read your letter, Dr. Barton, I said, over and over again, "It is good that we are in the hands of the Lord," and grew calm, but felt almost benumbed all that day.

Thank you for that letter

and for the one about the Hospital
I am still waiting for the interview
with that rich individual, to whom
Mr. Tales has written, asking for
I have written to Aunt Hatti
friends. I shall not hurry east, tho
hope to go from here to aunts
in Grand Blanc, Michigan for
a quiet visit. I will write you
time of change of address.

Dr. Hitchcock has obtained
for me a "Clergy Certificate" of the
"Central Passenger Association,"
so that, as far as Buffalo, I can
get half-fare on the railroads.
Can you get any such thing
for me from Buffalo, on east
railroads? I only wish I had
known of this and obtained it
before. If you can do any-
thing of the kind, please do
it speedily, if possible, for

want to leave as soon as I have that Cospilat interview. I am sorry to trouble you, but it would be a great help.

Last Tuesday I went to Princeton, Illinois where Mr. & Mrs. Carey's church gave me a reception in the afternoon, the men of the church came to supper and I addressed the people in the evening. There and when I spoke to the W. C. T. U. on Friday, I enjoyed it immensely! The people's hearts are very warm towards Mr. & Mrs. Carey.

I hope that Mr. Riggs will be able to give you light on matters in Turkey. The political situation, according to the papers, looks so dark again.

Hoping you are all well, and with love to the young people,

Yours friend,

Clara E. Bush.

Rev. Dr. Barton.

Carl E. Bush
Lake Forest Ill
June 27-1904

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ABC'D JUN 29 1904

Lake Forest, June 27th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your kind letter was received. I grieve to say that Mr. Tales and I have had a sore disappointment in my not being permitted to see that wealthy man in regard to money for the Hospital. I will tell you all about it when I see you.

I expect to leave Chicago for Grand Blanc (Care Mrs. B. Frank Bush,) on Wednesday, the 29th. I hope to be able to leave there for

Taunton, (Care Mrs. T. T. Ric
170 Winthrop St.) on the 8th
of July; but probably we
go to Sunapee, N. H. on
the 15th, for a two weeks'
it. Shall hope to see you
before I leave for Sunap
Please excuse haste to-

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush

Miss C. E. Bush

Rec'd JUL 12 1904

Ans'd JUL 13 1904

Grand Blanc, Michigan.
July 9th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

You can well understand how tossed about my mind has been about dear Aunt Hattie. I will not describe it, but assure you that physically and mentally I am better than I was a week ago.

I gave up going to Sunapee, as I saw I was not equal to rushing so and must be where I could easily reach Aunt Hattie, and now she is not to come until fall!

I expect to leave here on the 15th and go to Rochester,

Wants condolence, & sympathy, & prayers for Miss C. E. Bush.

New York, where my address will be, Care Mrs. Henry T. Huntington, 526 West Avenue. I greatly desire to go and see Miss Platt, before I go back to Taunton, provided she is at home. She is much perplexed as to the time of leaving for Turkey. If Ernest Riggs is not going with Mr. & Mrs. Riggs, why could not she go with him? Would that I were ready to go with her!

I have wanted, for some time, to write you about my efforts to get help for the Medical Work in Erzroom. Good, kind Mr. Tales,

always generous to me, ~~[illegible]~~ was very much in earnest to obtain an interview for me with a very wealthy man of Chicago and hoped the man would give me $5000.! I assure ~~you~~ that I was armed with prayer and proofs of the need, but, alas! the man would not grant the interview, saying that he is giving just now all he can. Then Mr. Tales kindly spoke to another wealthy man who proved his relation to past centuries, by saying that he "Does not believe in foreign Missions"! It is so pitiful, as well as so ridiculous.

set in both of these men.
Tales had set great hopes.

The result was that I
to come away without any
thing, though Mr. Tales, h
self, has promised me
$100.!

I have one more sto
hope, but it lies in Posta
and I can do nothing unt
I reach there. I can do no
ing, anywhere, until Go
leads to some open door a
I have great hope that H
may show me one in
Rochester at this time. I
am after it. You know h
strong a love I am of me
icines and doctors!

I am trusting the Lo
for dear Aunt Cattie an
have peace. Please give

Miss C. E. Bush

Rec'd AUG 3 1904

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Ack.

Taunton, August 2nd 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your last kind letter was duly received. I trust that, ere this, you have received my present address from Miss Woodberry, (at my request,) and will forward letters here, — Care Mrs. J. J. Richmond, 170 Winthrop St.

How terribly sad the repeated massacres in Turkey. I gather that there have been three.

I spent Sabbath before last at Miss Platt's, in Poughkeepsie. They are brave, dear people.

I was prospered in some plans for money for the Hospital, while in Rochester, and wish to see you and tell you about them and ask some questions. Was very sorry not to be with you for the business and gaities of Mr. & Mrs. Riggs' visit.

I want to ask if this is your vacation time, and if you have stated times of being in town, when I could plan to come and see you!

I had many blessings on my western trip, but am glad to come east again. Shall try to be very quiet

for awhile.

Please give love to Mrs. Barlan and your children.

Wishing for you a restful summer,

Yours sincerely,

Clara E. Bush.

Rec'd AUG 11 1904

Taunton, August 11th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am expecting to go to Dorchester next week Wednesday, to be at the Brownes' for a couple of days. I hear that you are to return from your vacation (all too brief, I fear,) on the 16th. On which day could I have a little talk with you, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday?

I have the promise of perhaps $1000., or more, from some friends in Rochester, New York, for Medical Work in Harpoot, but must talk over

certain matters concerning it
with you, before I can get i

Indeed I have this morn
ing written a man asking
$500. for it! But it wi
a miracle if the money is g

Also I am hoping to se
a lady in Boston, who has
written a very encouraging le
ter with regard to going on
as a nurse. I want to show
you the letter and to bring
to see you, if she proves a
all what we would wish.

I know you will be very
busy and will try and take
as little of your time as po
sible. I shall hope to have M
Browne, also, present at o
conference, as it is such an
portant matter.

Begging for an early reply, a
this place, Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

Care Mrs. J. J. Richmond 170 Middlesex St. Lawrence, Mass.

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Rec'd AUG 12 1904

Taunton, Aug. 12th.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Mr. Platt, of Poughkeepsie, or Miss Miriam V. Platt, forwarded you $35. for salary of trained nurse in Harpoot. Please retain, or ask Mr. Wiggin to retain it, until I see you and oblige,

Yours truly,

Caro E. Bush.

Rec'd AUG 29 1904

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Taunton, Aug. 27th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I returned this morning from my little trip to meet Harriet, only this morning, having had a delightful time. I am so grateful that I went, for she so thoroughly appreciated it and we had such a blessed visit together.

She is just the same; looks no older than when I left her last fall. She is fat and her color is good

and she seems so bright and notices and enjoys everything.

I hope that she may be able to come in October to the Branch Meeting at Fall River. If so, I want to have her go in with me to Boston, after spending one night here, and I hope we can also be a night, or two, at the Brownes', if it is at a convenient time.

She was five days at Naples and I find that she did not do any sight-seeing, because she did not feel like having the

expense,) save going to the Museum, and that and the drive there, she carefully paid for herself! Please do not let her know I told you.

May I ask you to have my letters, (if there are any,) forwarded to me here, for the present? Love to Mrs. Barton, especially.

Yours gratefully,

Caro E. Rush.

Please let Miss Caldwell, Miss Stanwood and Mr. Horne know that I am here.

Caroline E. Bush:

Taunton, Mass

Aug 27, 1904

Miss C. Bush

REC'D SEP 14 1904

ANS'D SEP 14 1904

Taunton, September 13th, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Mr. Browne and I saw one of the nurses last week, who seems ready and eager for work. The other will be on a case for two, or three, weeks more. It seems the two are cousins, Miss Mabel E. Stratton and Miss Eunice Kniffen. It was the latter we saw. She seems to be an earnest Christian and has experience. She

is just now out of work and anxious to know if she would be accepted by the Board. When would it be convenient next week to see her? I should be glad if it could be some day when Mr. Browne could be there and go with me to see Dr. Blake about money for the Hospital and, possibly, to see the other nurse.

In writing you about Miss Seymour's coming this way I omitted to say how glad I should be if I could take her to see

Mrs. Barton, also; and I certainly will try to do so. But I am not at all sure of her coming, as she writes as if she finds that she must avoid excitement and I have asked her to be sure and think well before she promises to come to the Old Colony Branch Meeting.

I know you are crowded with work. May strength be given for the great burdens. With love for Mrs. Barton and "the children",

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

Miss C. E. Bush

REC'D OCT 4 1904

ANS'D OCT 6 1904

Auburndale, October 4th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It was $1000. was it not, and not $2000. that you said I might tell Harpoot Station that they could ask of the Prudential Committee, from the Indemnity, and possibly it would be given for our Hospital?

I want to be sure and get it right and not write them $1000. when I could say $2000.!

Hoping soon to receive a brief answer to my question,

Yours gratefully,

Case E. Bush.

Pardon me for getting "tangled" about it.

"The Game."

Confidential. For Dr. B. when he returns.

Auburndale, Oct. 18th 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Mrs. Browne, Aunt Hattie and I were at Franklin for the Sabbath and I go to Pittsfield to-morrow to speak on Thursday. When I return, on Friday, I wish, if possible, to come to the Rooms and speak with you about Mary Daniels. I wish I might do so before you send her any important communication from Harpoot. If

I arrive too late on Friday to come to the Rooms I shall certainly try to come on Saturday.

Mary D. did not say anything special to me, but we were so much pleased by her appearance that I felt as if I must speak to you about her once more.

I would also like to speak about Miss Cochman. Hoping you are well and in the best of spirits about the Board,

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Burk.

Miss C. E. Bush

Auburndale, Oct. 18. 1904

Rec'd Oct. 19.

Miss Caro E. Birch

REC'D MAR 27 1905
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New York, March 26th 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Don't let anyone persuade you that the taking of Mr. Rockefeller's money is wrong. You know I well know his sister-in-law, a most lovely woman, who lives with them and who doubtless has a large influence in the giving of this money. She describes the family life as most simple and religious. From another source I hear that every day they all consult as to where

a new sum shall be bestowed. A business man in this city, a working Christian, who is the friend of my hostess, says that he knows Mr. Rockefeller well and he knows he is a good and honest man. When the Slocum accident occurred Mr. R. gave large sums to clothe and educate the orphans left.

Finally, is Miss Anna Gould's money any cleaner than his? "The silver and the gold are mine saith the Lord."

I want to ask you to please inform whoever sends my letters to me that I would like to have no more forwarded until I give a

new address.

Miss Poole is more winning as I know her better. She seems very happy over the hope of going to Carpoot. She carries herself well before those who speak their congratulations. All are interested. I will come to see you as soon as I can after my return to Boston.

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

The lady of whom I speak as Mr. R's sister-in-law is chairman of our For. Miss. Soc'y. My opinion about the money is what I have heard largely expressed by individuals about me. The Lord guide you all.

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Rec'd MAR 6 1905

New York, March 5th 1905.

Ans'd MAR 6 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Solely by the Providence of God and without any thought of searching for her, I have to-day met a young lady whom I would choose for my associate in evangelistic work. Her name is Miss Marie B. Poole. She has been for seven, or eight, years, the stenographer of Mr. Mott, the Evangelistic Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., almost his Private Secretary.

At one time Mr. Mott offered to recommend her for this work on a Mission Field in India, but it afterward proved that a man was needed.

Miss Poole is twenty-nine years old, strong, good-looking, thoughtful and lady-like. She is an orphan and has no brothers, or sisters. My hostess, Mrs. Whitcomb, a thoughtful, Christian woman, knows her well and admires her character. Miss Poole has not a College education, but her father gave her a good education in a school in New York. She has never taught school,

but learned stenography after the death of her parents, to support herself and grew in strength of character as she worked. She is a good singer, a member of our Broadway Tabernacle and and an earnest worker in our Bethany Mission. She impressed me as one who would grow in the work for souls and is the first person I have seen in this country of whom I have had hope for this work. She dined with us to-day and I was led to tell her all about the work and ask her if she would go provided our Board is willing to send her.

My idea would be to have the use her stenography for the Station while she learns the language and prepares for the work. She could probably do some teaching when need requires. She has gone away to consider the case and will decide with us next Sunday. I write in haste so that the letter may reach you before the W. B. M. business meeting to-morrow, so that you may present the case, if you think best. Of course the nurse is necessary, if only one can go, and we ought not to let this lady slip out of our hands. I could see Mr. Mott, when he returns next week from Europe, and find out more about her, if you

give me any hope of calling her, or, rather, appointing her.

You can not tell how glad I am to be here. The Dedicatory Service this morning was most solemn and impressive. The church is fine and our Pastor is humble, unassuming and devoted. I am in a lovely home, with every care.

Trusting that you will be here now necessary an evangelistic worker is to Carpoot and that you will realize how critical I would be in my choice of one and how slowly I would move in such a matter, save as God shows the way, I am

Yours sincerely, Cara E. Rush.

(over.)

Thanks for the list of names; also Mr Cole's, rather, appointing her.

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New Yo.

Qualifications of Miss Poole.

1. Earnest Christian.
2. Worker in Mission Work.
3. Well educated.
4. A singer.
5. No home ties.
6. Has a profession to which she can return, if not a success.
7. Inclines to go.
8. Member of such a working church.
9. Good-looking.
10. Strong.
11. A gentle, humble, but determined character.
12. Can use her profession in Harpoot.
13. She and I are drawn to each other. 14. Loves this kind of work

lnie E. Bush

March 5. 1905.

Geo. E. Bush.

Rec'd MAR 30 1905

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New York, March 29.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Last Monday I underwent a slight operation on one of my eyes and am detained here until next week. I am well and with the kindest of friends.

Please send letters on to the address below

until further notice.

The operation was the cutting of a muscle to relieve the eye of strain & bring it to the right focus, in hopes of relieving nervousness. It was done free, by the best oculist in N. Y. —

from Broadway Tabernacle!

I am writing with eyes half closed.

Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

Care Dr. J. R. Nilsen,
27 West 88th Street.

Rec'd APR 4 1905

Care Dr. J. R. Nilson.
27 West-88th St. New York, Apr. 1st

To-day I received a letter from Harpoot which had gone to a former address. May I trouble you to give the above to the one in Mr. Wiggin's room who addresses my letters? Also to Miss Stanwood? Possibly I shall be obliged to stay here this week. I am in the best of care.

Cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

Rec'd JUL 28 1905

Ans'd AUG 2 1905

Monument Beach,
July 28th 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I write simply to ask if Mr. & Mrs. Hanson are to go with us this fall and to say that I hope they will not fail to.

I wrote them welcoming them to our circle and offering to tell them about outfit, but have heard nothing from them as yet and it makes me anxious.

All is arranged for the rest of us to sail on September 16th., in the Romanic, not Canopic.

I hope you are all as well and enjoying yourselves as much as am I.

With love to you all,

Yours sincerely,

Cara E. Bush.

Caroline E. Bush

Monument Beach. Mass. July 2

Caroline E. Roach

REC'D AUG 17 1905
ANSW'D AUG 17 1905

Monument Beach, Mass.

August 17th, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

It is a big heart-ache that has come to us because of dear Mr. Riggs' going. I can not be grateful enough that Dr. & Mrs. Riggs were there to comfort their son. What a sorrow! I enclose a letter to Frank Barnum, begging you to send it to some place, (to Miss Goodell, if possible,) where it will reach him.

I also want to ask you to confer with Mr. Wiggin about writing to the Hotel Metropole in Naples, engaging rooms for our party from September 15th — 30th. It seems to me that it would be a fine thing if he would do this, also asking them to have a man meet us at the steamer Romanica

I ask you to speak to him, because you are there and know the importance of this matter and, if he will attend to it yourself, I know. I believe that some Bulgarian missionaries are to sail with us.

I want to call your attention to the fact that our dear Miss Ada C. E. has returned to her home in Lovech utterly worn out with her faithful stenuous work for orphans at Tarnovo. I will enclose a letter from her mother which will show you her condition.* It has occurred to me that when she has done such a great amount of work in our Station, not only for orphans, but for the schools and women at no expense to the Board, it would be a great comfort to her if some word of appreciation and sympathy could be sent to her officially from the Board. Perhaps you have already done so. She is worthy.

Hoping you are all well,

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Rust.

* She has travelled with her heart, not many miles & leisurely.

Rec'd AUG 22 1905

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Monument Beach, Mass.
August 22nd 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Please read the enclosed to Mr. Wiggin, and, if you think best, pass it on, conferring with him.

Thank you much for your letter, which brought much comfort. I shall hope to come into the Rooms some day the first week in September.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

I fancy the route chosen for me, four days from Naples, is quicker

and cheaper than the other. It might be possible that, by this time, wagons may be engaged to go on for us from Iwas to Tamsoon and a change would be hard. I do not tell. How difficult it is to avoid mistakes and do everything right.

Charles E. Clark

Hawaiian Gazette - Iwa

Aug. 23-1905.

Taunton, August 13th.

I am to be in Boston from the 17th, (Wednesday,) to the 19th. Please detain my letters there, for me to call for them. I can not see the nurse until week after next, as she is away, but have asked Mr. Browne to make an appointment with you on Wednesday morning, if you are there, to talk a little about the money. If not then, some other day. Yours truly, Cara E. Rash.

AUG 31 1905

Monument Beach, Aug. 30th.

I expect to leave here on Friday. May I ask you to send any letters for me to 30 Birch Hill Road, Newtonville commencing with Saturday morning? I hope to drop in to your office before you leave for Seattle. I spend Sunday elsewhere.

Yours sincerely,

Cara E. Rash.

Please inform the W. B. M. of my address.

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Rec'd OCT 26 1905

S. S. Egnatem, S

October 2nd, 1905.

Dear Dr. Barton &
Mr. Wiggin,

I have just finished
a letter of gratitude from our party
to the White Star Line. May we
all cross in their S. S. "Romanic"
every time! The steadiness and
cleanliness of the boat, the polite-
ness of the officers, the good food,
the excellent character of the pas-
sengers, were beyond praise.

We parted from our good ship
and friends with regret & landed
at Naples on the 28th, as we ex-
pected. No letter had been received
at the Hotel Métropole concerning
us & there were but few guests

and we found very good rooms. They were determined to charge us nine francs a day, but by using some Eastern diplomacy, not to say righteous statements, I was able to persuade them to come down to eight. The house was clean and nice, but they treated Mr. Emrich most shabbily in the matter of charges for porterage, &c. However, I do not know that Naples would furnish anything better.

Our party was very very well, save Mrs. Emrich, on the Atlantic. She was very sea-sick and they had been given an inside room, close and hot and exceedingly trying for one so delicate. I felt that something must be done and went to the Purser and by using the arguments you had given me, Dr. Barlow, he was persuaded

to change their room that very day.

But we find this steamer discouraging beyond measure, — dirty, the air foul in second class, (foul in cabin and dining-room,) and, of course, the arrangement of meals and the French cooking are not easy to accommodate ourselves to. We have no words to sufficiently express our disgust at the second class on this ship. Five of us occupy one state-room which is situated between two vile-smelling toilette rooms. The odors fill our room and also the dining-saloon. Besides this trouble, Mrs. Clark and her boy, Davis, are obliged to occupy Mr. & Mrs. Emrich's room! Owing to this state of things Mr. & Mrs. Emrich, Miss Poole and I expect to change to first class this afternoon when passengers get off at the Piraeus.

This will allow Mrs. & Miss Dem
to go into the room with Mr.
Clark & Davis, a room which
better air. Miss Christie, too,
found a better place. We four w
are ~~going~~ to go into first cla
feel that it is not right fo
to eat in the bad air ~~now~~ to
It made us all feel ill yesterda
The extra expense will be five a
apiece and because we feel that
a matter which affects health, we
charge this on our account, to the
Board. If this ~~does~~ not seem rig
to you of course we wish you
charge it back to us. Perhaps y
will wonder why all do not cha
As the Deweys are to have a bette
room they think they will try a
stand the dining-room, than
I do not think it a good plan.
will realize that it may be har

e people than for others. Mrs. Clark
it keenly and Mrs. Emrich's sto-
k having once gotten such an
etting it is very hard for her.
This is the second time in the
se of my missionary journeys
I have changed from second to
class and I am more than ever
aded that no one who is not
st, or used to uncomfortable
nstances in life in America,
ld go second class. I am used
hardships, but do feel that it
ot best to put myself into
while I am yet in civilization
can have suitable surroundings.
s looking forward to this journey
the rest and I know you wished
have it so.
I should be glad to know that
missionary ever came on to
ship again.
I trust that you will agree that

it has been wholly unsuitable for Mrs. Clark to be in Mr. & Mrs. Emrich's room, but, as her child was sea-sick and needed care, she could not be separated from him. The ship has been crowded, but many are to get off at Athens to-day. There has been a large party of priests and nuns and we are twenty-four Protestant Christian workers! There are English and Swiss workers going to Smyrna and Beyrut and Dr. & Mrs. Porter of Beyrut, he a professor there and Mrs. Adams and children, she the wife of a medical professor there and a Dr. & Mrs. Ralph, missionaries in Latakea, Syria. We enjoy each other much. Our new missionaries are contented and happy, even Mrs. Emrich, with all her sea-sickness. Miss Poole and I are happy in each other. We send our kind regards to friends at the "Rooms"

and hope the American Board Meeting was one to make your hearts glad.

Yours ever gratefully,

Caroline E. Bush.

Constantinople, Oct. 11th.

I put off mailing this until I could write you from here of our great comfort after we made the change at sea. The food was as different as possible and we immediately found our appetites and were as cheery as possible.

Mrs. Emrich's condition was such that, on our arrival here, I took the advice of Dr. Raynolds, who had just arrived and we concluded to remain here until this week Saturday.

I grieve to tell you that matters here are very, very different from what I had expected. The

city is in a state of great unre
and fear and no one knows
what is coming next. A letter
from Dr. Barnum speaks of a
"semi-panic" in Harpoot
I keenly feel my responsibility
My own judgment is against
taking these new missionaries
into the interior, but it is
just as bad to think of stay
ing here. As for myself, I do
not feel physical strength to
cope with these conditions an
yet see no way out of it. The
responsibility of Mr. Peet and of su
women as these in the care of t
school at Sedik Pasha is tremen
dous. Mrs. Marden's face looks tran
and weary beyond measure.

Wednesday Morning. I woke t
morning feeling as if, in some
way, a great burden had been
rolled off of me. When we we

to the Bible House I had a little talk with Mr. Peet and he says that, within the last two, or three days, the atmosphere here is better and things are quieting down. As he has probably written you everything, I will say no more. It is evident that Mr. Knapp has been sorely disheartened over the situation in Harpoot. I do hope that foolish and rash statements will be kept out of the papers. These awful revolutionists are destroying their own people. What can stop them? The ruin comes upon peaceful, law-abiding Armenians, while the wretches in Marseilles and other places go free.

We can only go forward trusting in God.

Yours in His service,

C. E. B.

Caroline E. Bush.

Constantinople - Oct. 2 - 1905.

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Harpoot.!!!
November 7th 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

This is just to inform you of Miss Parker's and my safe arrival here on Saturday, November 4th, we Henry Atkinson's and my birthday, he, one year old, and I.

Captain Everard E. Young, our new Consul, and wife, were with us and last evening, at a birthday party, he gave us a little account of his experiences

in the Philippines. We like him much.

I grieve to say that, on account of a severe cold, which Mrs. Emrich took in Sivas, the rest of the party were detained in Malatia; but we hope to see them to-day. We had beautiful weather for all the land journey.

Accounts, calls and unpacking hinder me from writing a real letter. All our party came in health and comfort save Mrs. Emrich. All well here and quiet, as far as I can see. I make no inquiries.

With kindest remembrances to all friends,

Yours sincerely, Caroline E. Rand.

I could tell you many a funny story of our land journey, how I was called "Translator Effendi" by officials, how my tongue had to fly in Turkish and Armenian for the cooking department, for managing the waggoners, for officials, &c. &c.

Caroline E. Bush

Harpoot. Turkey - Nov. 7-1905.

Rec'd JAN 22 1906.

Harpoot, December 18, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,

Boston, Mass.

Ans'd JAN 27 1906

Dear Dr. Barton:

For many days I have thought to write to you but was hindered by a very brief tour to Malatia. I left here December 1st and returned only a week later because of severe earthquakes in that place. They occurred also here but were not so harmful. There I found myself obliged to stay out in a wooden shelter which I had built and which was on very damp ground, and I was likely to be exposed to severe cold. The pastor who was with me felt anxious to return to his family, and all things considered it seemed best for me to return. The Malatia church is very needy in spiritual things and it was with great sorrow that I left them, hoping to go back soon again. But now a severe snow storm has come which makes the return seem a little doubtful. The houses there were very much injured and I do not know what the people will do as winter comes on. The houses in several villages on our plain were also severely injured. The loss of life was not very great considering the area of the shocks, but in a region east of Malatia in the mountains a good many were killed. During this waiting time at home I am trying to do what I can here in the way of religious work.

I have had it much on my mind to write to you of the matter of the hospital, both here and in Diarbekir. I was very much surprised on my return to find that plans for the hospital in Diarbekir seemed wholly at a standstill, and it was a great sorrow to me. The thought of the two physicians seems to be that there is no money at hand for it, though later the news came that you had $27,000. on hand; and I fear that they are making a great mistake in not quickly forming their plans and putting them on paper and sending them to you. I am intending to write to Dr. Thom on the subject because I have the work of Diarbekir greatly at heart, and I know perfectly well that you can do nothing if you have not plans. I fear that not enough money will be given for the hospital there, for four walls do not make a hospital. A good physician, a good nurse, and the salary for the two, and equipment, of course, must be made ready; and all this requires more money than the simple building. It seems to me that if not enough of this money is given to commence the hospital with a good physician, a good nurse, and good equipment, the Diarbekir people will feel justly grieved, because evidently the first matter in the mind of the donor, Seghagian (?) was to have a good hospital in Diarbekir. Am I not correct in this? I do desire to use my influence that Dr. Thom and Dr. Atkinson shall form some plan and send it to you quickly, so that wood and stone may be bought and the land purchased as soon as possible, and work commenced in the spring, and not left so that the Diarbekir people shall inquire, "Where

is that money, and where is the hospital?" and find fault with us. It has seemed to me just as evident that plans for the hospital here were being delayed more than I could wish. The winter will be going away, and I fear work cannot be commenced in the spring unless matters are hurried up. I am surprised to find that I, who had thought that I could never advocate having the hospital in any other place than Harpoot, now seem to see insuperable obstacles in the way. But this matter is going to be carefully discussed in the circle and we hope that a plan will be formed with perfect harmony, such as shall be the very best.

I do not believe, myself, that we are going to do the right missionary work in Diarbekir if we have a German physician, and I do wish we could find an American and have him have a nurse who is ready for spiritual work. I am perfectly sure that the hospital cannot do the work that is needed there if there is a native physician, with Dr. Thom on one side and Dr. Atkinson on the other simply to supervise. You know that for many years I have wished to have a missionary at Diarbekir, and now there seems to be an opportunity to have at least a missionary physician if enough of that money can be used. I hope that the hospital will not fail because of not having enough money for physician and nurse as well as building and equipment.

I had a very good letter from Mr. Hanson in answer to one that I wrote him months ago, and I have wished to write him again, especially since my return, to assure him of the need there is for him here. Mr. Knapp and Mr. Riggs both would be freed for much religious work that they cannot now do if Mr. Hanson could come. I wish we might hear that Mr. Hanson's church has taken up his support. As I have thought of it I have been afraid that as he is in his present position and you absorbed in so many duties the matter of obtaining money for his support might not be accomplished this winter so that he could come in the spring. Everybody asks for Mr. Brown; and pastors and preachers especially, with more spiritually-minded laymen, speak of his absence being greatly felt in the churches. I have no doubt that his return here, even for a season, would be greatly welcomed.

You would be rejoiced to see the beautiful spirit manifested by Mr. Riggs since his return. He led our Sunday evening meeting a week ago in a way that showed us what God had been working in his soul. He also preached in the chapel in the afternoon. Mr. Ernest Riggs and Miss Mary are a great accession to our circle as workers. Bod. Asdoor Yeghoyan is a mighty help to us in spiritual things. Mary Daniels is working beautifully and appreciated by all the circle. I am gratified to find that Mr. Carey, who is a sharp, intelligent observer, feels very sure that Dr. Atkinson is capable of starting and carrying on the hospital here. Miss Poole and I were at morning prayers in the college last

Friday. They were led by Dr. Barnum in a remarkable manner. I suppose I need not tell you what a remarkable man he is; I appreciate it more than ever before. He looks aged, but his demeanor is that of a saint.

You see I am making use of my dear little stenographer. I suppose she won't write for me all that I would say of her kindness to me, of her industry, and of the way that she is learning the language, so I won't enlarge. I think she will write how much we love each other.

Thank you for your letter. I am very sorry that Mrs. Barton has not been quite so well. Hoping she is now better, and with love to you both,

Yours cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

P. S. Aunt Caro asks me to add that she has written to Miss Murray. I want personally to thank you for your very kind letter, with valuable suggestions about language study, which reached me on Thanksgiving day and was an added cause for thanksgiving. It is hard not to be impatient and discouraged at such apparently slow progress, but I keep digging away.

Sincerely yours,

Maria B. Poole

Dr. Atkinson thought I might enclose this copy of his last letter to Dr. Thom.

C. E. B.

Caroline E. Bush

Harpoot. Turkey. Dec: 18-1905.

Dec. 18-1905

Confidential.

Rec'd JAN 22 1906

Ans'd JAN 27 1906

Dear Dr. Barton,

I want to add to above a few words concerning Barnum family, which I desire it never be spoken of as coming from me. I hope I am not officious in injuring up in the matter.

Have you realized that our dear Emma Barnum has been here sixteen years without a vacation to America? She was in Switzerland some summer, to be sure, and in Canada for some months, for her health. I have been told that she did not gain at the latter place as she ought to have done, as she felt so anxious for her parents. She has been a

most willing and noble wor
ready to fill any place, — a
teacher, nurse, accountant,
er, anything. She looks to me
thin, pale and worn and I ha
heard it said that she ought
rest, but will not.

Dear Dr. & Mrs. Barnum are
aged and worn, but so good
and noble. Dr. Barnum is calle
by useful, but, at any time
he or his wife may reach a
place where they will be laid

Now Emma will not go
America and take a vacati
without her parents, of cours
When they go of course they w
return. But you know that th
all helping to support the ho
and they would have no mea

to do this, I suppose, or even to support themselves, should they go to America.

Since I have become aware of just how things stood, I have been wondering if you knew about it and if there is any possible way in which to make them feel independent enough, pecuniarily, to go to America at any time when they see fit. We certainly do not wish to have them go, they are certainly useful here, but I have thought that the mother and sister might be yearning over those boys and it might be wearing upon them, and that after such long and noble

service they are certainly entitled to quiet and peace and rest whenever they feel inclined to take it. Few missionaries have done nobler work. But they are too noble to wish to be a burden to others.

I have not told them that I am writing to you on this subject. They might not wish it. But how glad I would be, if I could know that some means was being used to so provide for it that they would feel free, for their own, or Emma's sake, to leave the work here and go to America. I do not suppose that Emma would ever be separated from her father and mother, they are so dependent upon her. The care

difficult one. I hope it will be easier
Edward and Frank can earn
enough to support themselves, but
that day seems far off.

I have written this because I
know you wish an inside view
of things. I do not know whether
Mr. & Mrs. Barnum have any resources
on which to draw, or not, but
I am sure I am right in thinking
they do not, with the heavy
charge of Edward & Frank upon
them. Feel free to leave here at any
time when they see the need. I am
speaking of a present desire to
do so, for I think they love to stay
at work as long as they can. I do
think that Emma does need a time
of rest now.

I trust you will not speak
of this as from me, in the least,
Yours gratefully, always,

Clara E. Rush.

I am no
is of no
can talk freely with Mr. Barnum
interest. I wish for his wife.

Chas. Fred. E. Burch

Hartford.

Dec. 18-1905

Harpers, February 21st 1906.

Dear Harriet, Parson & Leila,

I must try and write a brief this week, as there is so much to write on every hand. Emma returned from Eagle on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Riggs and others with her, they having gone down on Saturday. The poor child looks pretty well, tired up, but pleased as not to write a word about it here. Now she thought all tired out, but cold and then, without having work and living on whatever she could pick up anywhere, she turned her digestion, I mean, inside out, her back side first, white and thin. The whole station misses her, she shall rest. She will work too hard. She was up with the people until ten o'clock! Dancing, she would not dance.

Mr. Knapp has formed a most interesting state of things in the church at Quebec and is working

like a Trojan. Roughs and drunkards are among the converts. But he finds that the women are not awakened. Evidently Loringe is not doing all she ought. So Mr. Knapp wrote asking me to come down and work for the women. I was trying to plan how I should first go to Malta and then to Dillsburg, when Emma came in and proposed that she should go to the latter place and Mary promised to take care of the houses and let me go to Malta. Dr. Atkinson wished to go with Emma, but some of us, if not all, felt that it is more wise for him to be absent. All that time he seemed think that he could do something which would show that he has not wholly fainted.

Thursday, Feb. 22nd.

Last evening we sisters were invited to Mary D.'s and to meet some ladies. We had a pleasant, quiet time. The new teacher appears very well. This evening we are going to have the Theological Seminary students at our room and

Then going to talk with them about work for women, then we are going to look at pictures and sing.

Mr. Corey is still very, very sick. He says he is dead. He has the Theological students having their food for dinner to his house and eats with them every evening. We expect that the first this week will bring Mr. Corey better and now, we think of Mr. Corey's sick. The baby thing commenced Thursday and all these things just stop his work. About the evening when we went up to the Barrows' for an evening meeting and we entered the room we found the bed the image among. Mr. Riggs opened first of his book. It was the thing Jesus last words of his life. He said the other side and so touching. He prayed, Mr. Corey prayed all through with his eyes looking up to Heaven as he prayed that that would, that peace. Mr. Riggs said to all the How impossible it would be to portray the anguish of these two hearts.

Mr. Riggs's boys are busy of a time making a telescope for the College, the lenses of which came from America. It is most ingenious & and perfectly made — & credit to the workmen & to him.

The other day great Hagopé, first of Habesia, the man you saw, Parson, and of whose conversion you were the means, — that big Gregorian, Adie, Ayha's son, — came to see me. Of course he asked for you. I showed him your picture. He took it in his hand and looked so eager and happy as he saluted it and said, "How do you do?" "Why don't you speak to me?" He was well dressed. His pretty wife died and he moved here and married again.

Miriam comes in and asks if I am writing to Grandma Brown (!) & wants to send in a note.

The photographer was just here to call and asked most kindly for you, Harriet. I showed him your picture,

which he thought very good. He sent you his salutations & "longs for you." A poor old woman sitting by the store, one of your "poors", groaned, "Miss Maine! Miss Maine! she always gave me something." I sent her away happier.

Mr. Knapp and Bod. Vartan expect to leave Diarbekir on the 26th, to tour in Koordistan. When they get to Gok, only two days from Bitlis, they may go on there for a two days' visit. Quite a good deal of outside work will finally be done, I hope. I had a beautiful letter from Bod. Mikaghos Aodoyan the other day, expressing such true appreciation of that kind of personal work. I think they never felt it so much as now since we left off trading. Lucinghas just come in, "The little Sparrow," and is sighing over your pictures. Shirin has come to Mardin and is beautiful.

My love to you all. It is good to be sure of your prayers.

Faithfully,

Cara.

REC'D APR 23 1906

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Malatia, March 30th 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of January 27th, answering my questions, were gratefully received. I read one of your letters with keenest sorrow, for it seems so terrible for our Congregational Churches to have you and us in such straits. I know that the reason is, partly, the rapid advance of the work on every side, calling for more money far sooner than they expect, but the world moves fast and they should be ready for it.

You have my sincerest sympathy in your difficult position. Sometimes I wonder if our church is not going to fail us entirely and we be obliged to leave our fields and come back to America. It is of little use to go limping along about half doing the work for lack of money and laborers, as we have in this place, for instance. Here is a church that was formerly paying its Pastor's salary and partly for its large schools. The massacre killed off many of its prominent men; others have died, or emigrated since then. Since Bod. Mardiros left they have had no pastor, save for a few months, when Bod. Teragos

managed to set them all by the ears. The Catholics of two kinds have, by the power of money and support of every kind, grown fast. The Gregorians, by power of numbers and ambition, have obtained good schools. They have a strong, young Vicaded who is most zealous. If we were satisfied that these forces worked for righteousness, not the world, we might well be content to leave this city, but it is a great, wicked place, and the aforesaid workers are not working for the salvation of souls. Shall we leave the spiritual field an utter waste?

But the church needs, and must have a building, the boys' school must have another and the people ought to have graduate teachers in their schools in order to bring them up, while a first-class pastor is essential to carrying on this work. All this requires money, which, of course, this poor people have not. I do not see how a poor, weak, second-rate pastor is going to lift this people up, to unite discordant elements, govern and control and lead. I do not see how the cheaper teacher we now have is ever going to build up the boys' school.

It is certain that in such a city as this a comfortable place in which to hold services never to hold the people. All classes love to come and hear preaching, but they are not held, partly because we have no pastor, partly because the building is such a wretched affair. Of course I know that if we had a man of great spiritual power, even if he were not an eloquent preacher, he would do a good work here, but, alas! such are scarce.

I have been asked by some of the people here to write the enclosed to give to Rev. Mardiros Tragossian, the former Pastor of this church, to aid him in collecting money for a building. If you approve, will you please send it to him? [I am going to wait until I see what Harpoot will plan for this place.]

Miss Poole and I came here three weeks ago. She seems happy, contented and very well. The people seem much interested in her and she is learning the language fast, to my great delight. She is ever willing to help me in every way possible and I was thinking yesterday that if I had set out to have my object in finding an associate the getting one who would be a comfort and help solely to

me, (which I never thought of,) I could not have done better. She is so careful of me and so watchful lest I overdo, or get worried and troubled. We are very happy together.

Dear Aunt Hattie is indeed very ill. Of course you know about it. And now we do not know whether she will live and be helpless, or pass away suddenly. The Lord help her. It seems like sundering a part of my very self to think of her going, but I do not want her to stay and suffer.

When I see how much it takes to run a hospital and how sorely an American physician is needed for that at Diarbekir, I lose all enthusiasm about building it with only $10,000.

Mr. Carey has sought comfort in work, more work, and is wonderful in his courage and patience. Rod. Dustad of Pekeng is at Malatia, working well with us. I do not know whether the people will try to call him, or not. With Emma B. at Diarbekir and Mr. Knapp in Koordistan, and we here, I have been well satisfied with the summer touring. I was not well in the winter, so took Emma's work in school and she went to the villages in my place.

Much love to Mr. Barton and your children.

Yours cordially, Caroline E. Rush.

Malatia Turkey
Dec. 30-1906.

Harpoot, August 5th 1906.

My dear Lila & Mrs. Wheeler & Emily,

We are having a wonderful sum-
mer, every day so cool and sweet. To-morrow
the Atkinsons and Margots are to leave for
the Lake, Bartha Wilson, also. I should
think it would be almost too cool there.
William hopes to go next week. Dr. Mikael
is also going and there are several Armenians
already there. Marie has been urged to go,
but she feels, as I do, that we have enough
of change without that and that home
is the best place for us for awhile.
I do hope that the Knapps will get there
for a real change, for Mr. Knapps is a
man who is fairly persecuted with work.
He is a most faithful worker, nothing
in the performance of duty. There is no
man in the station who has so little
time as he, yet never a murmur. Just
now he is with a radical plan of economy
and it is hard work.

I forgot to tell you, in my last letter, of two fine boxes that Marie and I received from the Broadway Tabernacle, lately. They contained a great many cans of food, soups, meat, vegetables and cocoa and dolls, aprons, stationery, books, &c., to give away. So we feel very rich. Then there also came, from a church in New England, a beautiful communion set for Peri, which made me very happy.

Marie bought a very suitable horse yesterday. I am very glad for her, I can not seem to get what I need. The one I now have is certainly now worth ten liras, but one miserable blacksmith yesterday wished me to change even with him for Marie's horse, for which she finally gave seven liras, though he is not worth so much. I refused!

Marie and I have been reading "David Copperfield" aloud and enjoying it very much. What a writer Dickens was! Marie is a good reader and it helps me to sleep when I take such a book just before retiring.

Mr. Knapp, Mary & Addison returned from a short tour to Egin, Arabkir and Eghun last Friday. Mr. Knapp had very hard work at Egin for the Industrial Work there and, at Arabkir, for the church. Bed. Armenag has had to leave the latter place, with his family. He was not a success. I believe that he has been told that the Board can not help on his salary any more in any place.

I have commenced, this week, to learn to write on the type-writer, experimenting on a letter to my brother. Marie made ten copies of a letter which I dictated. This proved not enough, so she made ten more, and, by these, I hope to settle some correspondents. Just now a strong effort is being made to get Marie to go to the lake, but she does not wish to. Says she has enough travelling and wants to stay at home.

We hope that Emma and Mr. Henry Riggs leave Marsovan this week for home. We are thinking and talking so much of Mr. Brown and his party in America and are praying for them & for those left behind.

The Consul and wife occupy the Brown room at the Garden and board at the Knapps'. They are social, well-educated, friendly and full of chat. The Captain is such an interesting conversationalist. We shall miss the people who go to the Lake and seem few at the Garden.

Marie and I had our sitting-room and the halls painted last week and hope to move back the things into them to-morrow. In the mean time we have been living in my (Aunt Hattie's former) bedroom in the Cary's house. We shall be glad to get back into wider quarters. Yesterday we was obliged to go to a wedding at the Lower Quarter.

Thursday, August 9th.

We are at the City to-day and have just had such a pleasant visit from the two teachers from Melatia, brother and sister. They made us very happy by telling us of the enthusiastic reception given to Bod. Dwight and his family. I do not know why I am so attached to Melatia and Marie is just so.

Next week we expect to send on a servant and road "taxum" for Mr. Browne and his party, to Samsoon. Every day this week we think and speak of and pray for Mr. & Mrs. Browne.

Our sitting-room and the halls have been put in order to-day and are much improved. I have written to Agnes this week and put in a little birthday gift. I am so glad you are to go there, Lila. There was a good letter from Mr. Browne this week and he told of the pending examination for Alice. I know she will do well. Will you send this on to Mrs. Wheler and Emily and let it carry my love? You see I am trying to turn over a new leaf, dear Friends. We can not forget either of you three here.

Affectionately,

Cara E. Bush.

Aug 8
1906

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Ans'd MAY 10 1907

Choonkook, October 19th 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.:

Dear Dr. Barton,

I think you have been to this place and know the rugged character of its scenery and of its people. Miss Poole and I are now taking our second tour of the season. Our first was to Peir. We found the church there cold and with some discordant elements. The work there is now under the supervision of the Germans. A German and his wife live in the orphanage there. They are good, religious people, but with little experience and education. It remains to be seen how such people will manage things. They were no hindrance to my work for the church and I took hold just as if they had not been there, save that I sought to lead them into sympathy for our measures. This sympathy did not seem to be lacking. We were absent from home thirteen days.

Less than a week after our return Mr. Browne and party arrived. He looks very well and seemed full of courage. I could talk with him very little as he had so many callers and was so busy getting back into work. It now hardly seems as if he was there, as we have been absent from home two weeks and not received one

ward from there. There is no post to this place and the road, just after we passed over it, commenced to be somewhat infested with robbers, between here and Harpoot, so that there is not much travel. It has times of being dangerous.

Rev. Armenag Simonian, Rev. Hagopos of Kulakegh's son, having been obliged to leave Arabkir on account of disaffection there, has just come here as Pastor. He now gives promise of good service here, and the people are greatly cheered at possessing a pastor. They have good teachers for their schools and promise of a large attendance. The women, having lost their store of £200. gathered by hard work, at the time of the massacres, have yet had the courage to work and lay up again for their Lord and have just paid out their all, where, that is, £10., for the purchase of part of a house into which to put their girls' school. The people here give 7600 piastres a year toward their church and school expenses. This is a large sum for so poor a community. They now need to buy the rest of the house mentioned above, to add room sufficient for the girls' school and enlarge the parsonage. The latter building is next door to the girls' school and is not large enough to make a comfortable home. It has lately been bought. The addition to the girls' school, with re-fitting, will cost £70.

But the most crying need of this study, patient, courageous and self-sacrificing people is a new church building. You realize that chapel, school and parsonage were destroyed in the massacre. They made every effort and, with our help, bought a house which they have used as a chapel for many years. This is far too small and too close and contracted for comfortable seating of the congregation. It is something like torture for the poor women of the congregation to sit in this gallery. My heart aches to see the large Gregorian church building and then the new Catholic one just erected with foreign money and we in such poor, low, unsuitable quarters. I assure you that it has an effect to lower the peoples' estimate of the worship of God.

What we need to do is to take this building for a boys' school and to have, on the old site, a large, plain, but comely church building for the crowd of Gregorians, as well as Protestants, who will frequent it. Yes, God's work for souls is not founded on money, but if I had to sit in such a close, crowded spot as this women's gallery every hot summer Sunday, I fear I would not be a frequenter of the chapel. It is not healthful; it is not right for God's worship.

I am most, most grateful for Mr. Araks-

your quick and noble response to my appeal for Arabkir. I wish, from my heart, that I had someone to whom to appeal for this church. If the new arrangement for one Secretary of the Board now exists, I can not even hope that this will meet your eye. It has been such a comfort to write about these places and feel sure that you understood, and to have from you such prompt responses. Now I feel as if we ought not to claim anything from you. Dear Dr. Barton, please do not over-work. We want you to last long. I am sure that you are undertaking too much when you lecture and write books, or articles. Forgive my boldness, but do be careful. I am sorry that Mrs. Barton has again been ill. My love to her ~~with~~ hope that she is again well.

Since I wrote you at Marash Miss Poole and I last spring visited Arabkir and Egin and five villages on the Agnan plain. Miss Poole is well and happy, speaking in all the meetings and at the houses and always a joy to me. We are to go to Chemook, Arghana and Hadjin on this tour. Such a welcome as we everywhere receive! Here we have about six, or eight neighborhood meetings a day! All this and I have not expressed my sympathy in the loss of Dr. Smith. The Lord help you in every burden and spare your precious life and health.

Your old friend and co-worker,

Caroline E. Rush.

Marash, Turkey.
Oct. 19-1906.

Nov. 23d
Safely back after a seven weeks' absence and such a fine tour!

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Harpoot, December 3d 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I sent you a letter week before last, but could not add what I wished after our return home, as the post had already left Dr. Barnum's hands. We had a delightful tour to the very close and felt that it was most profitable, in every way. We had been gone just seven weeks. We told the story to our missionary circle on the Sunday evening following our arrival home and I was also present in the Co-operation Meeting a week later, and the needs of the four places we had visited were discussed for an hour and forty minutes. Choonkoosh is by far the most earnest and spiritually progressive place in our whole field. They work with new hope this year because of their new pastor and wife, and new quarters for their girls' school. Chamoog has a preacher and takes new heart. There are always those who are full of Christ's love in Chamoog, a simple, loving people. In Arghuni,

the church is at its lowest ebb, if church it can be called, and my chief work was to seek the reconciliation of six to eight different parties. At Maden pecuniary matters and a sad partisanship among the "brethren" is clogging all progress and there I had to dive into depths of evil painful to contemplate, but we have a good preacher and his wife and a good school and young men's Christian Endeavor Society and I do not despair of the place.

We hope to leave this week, Miss Poole and myself, for the villages on the plain. We are more and more impressed by the need of this work and it is a joy to me to meet the old friends of so many years in their homes and churches. All are grateful to welcome Miss Poole and she is most helpful.

Since our return, November 23d, we have heard of the grand meeting of the Board and desire to extend our grateful congratulations to you all at the Rooms.

One thing in the reports troubles me and that is the bold face put on the plan to work for Moslems. It seems to me this is a most

delicate matter. For years I have given away the Scriptures to many Moslems and have made many friends among them, reading and praying in their homes. On my return from America I was grateful to see that the friends thus made gave me as warm a welcome as did the Christians. I came back with the strong determination to work for Moslems more than ever before, but on their own ground. My object is to win their confidence, love and sympathy and at the same time to approach as near the central truths of the Gospel ~~as near~~ as I can.

The Moslems of our region are fanatical and the relations between them and the Christians are most delicate. In Choonkoosh, lately, I had read the Testament ~~before~~ a group of specially fanatical women. The Christian woman with me came to our room afterwards and showed her regret at my going as far as I had in speaking of Christ that it made me very uneasy. It only showed me how necessary it is to be most careful in approaching certain truths. And why? Because one mis-step at such a time as this might be the cause of

blood-shed and horrors untold. It might result in our being driven out of the land and our institutions being burned and destroyed. To my mind this would be loss, not gain. Things move slowly in the Orient. The gravest problem now before us is to get the Christians to live true Christian lives and thus win the Turks to Christianity and to get these two races, as a result, to love each other. Then the way will seem clear.

Missionaries can work for Moslems in Egypt, India, China and Africa and, strange to say, in Persia, but not openly, or as Missionaries to the Moslems, in Turkey. I sincerely deprecate Mr. Stephen Trowbridge's going to Aintab with this in view, immediately.x Let us all get as near to the Moslems as we can. It is only a matter of time. The door is not open yet, but it will be opened in the Lord's own time. Forcing matters at the present juncture would be like throwing a fire-brand into gun-powder. This is the state religion of this country and where there is a pledge on the part of resident missionaries to respect it. There are many things in it worthy of

x If he has it in his heart to work among the Moslems, I would speed him on the ground for God

respect and, to my mind, it is possible that we may never see the Moslems accepting just the same style of Christianity that we do. They must take Christ from their own point of view. Am I stepping on dangerous ground? I have heard the same opinion expressed as to the Japanese. Mozoomdar, in his "Oriental Christ" gives the same thought. I only wish Christians were as reverent in their worship as are Moslems, as silent and attentive in their houses of worship, as faithful in times and seasons of worship and in preparation for it. I wish they were as ready to show to all the world their faith and worship. There is no false shame in a good Mohammedan. Is it not possible to make them better Moslems? Is it not possible to help them to feel that Christ, as a Prophet, is their great need and then lead them from that up to Christ as their Saviour?

I write from a full heart of love for Moslems, and am

Yours in Christ's service,

Caroline E. Bush.

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Harpoot, March 11th 1907.

To the Prudential Committee of the A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Brethren in Christ,

It seems as if nearly thirty-seven years of enrollment as a missionary of the W. B. M. may entitle me to the privilege of addressing you directly. I want to appeal to you for relief in a difficulty in which you alone can help us.

The name of this village has long been familiar to your officers. It has a population of perhaps 1750 souls. There are only 150 Turks, a few Catholics and one 500 Protestants, the rest being Gregorians. The people are the most sturdy, intelligent and independent of any on the Harpoot plain. They are like mountaineers in their courage. They have a love for education found in but few villages and, indeed, have probably sent more of their children to our College than any other village in our field. There are twenty now there!

Our Protestants here, with the help of the Board, built a small chapel at the beginning of our work in the place. This they outgrew in a few years and again built, with your help, on a larger plan. This chapel was ruined by an earthquake and again, with the greatest sacrifice,

as well as with your help, they built a fine stone church fine for such a village, where all houses are adobe. This church was ruined in the massacres, completely. They had only enjoyed it for two years, perhaps less.

As soon after the massacres as they could find shelter for their families, they, with £15. aid from Prof. Harris of England, put a roof over the yard of their former church and in this shed have been worshipping ever since. The floor and walls are of rough, uneven earth. The rough beams show overhead. It is dark, low and damp. On occasions of special interest, — communion service, or the coming of a missionary, four hundred people are packed into this space of 646 square feet.* As they crowd in the people are asked again and again to sit closer and while standing to sing are urged forward until, when they again sit down upon the floor, they are actually sitting in each others laps and a large number standing in the back of the room. Yesterday, with no unusual crowd present, I could not but observe how each person, sitting tailor fashion, was as close to the one in front as he, or she, could possibly get and in the Sabbath School there was no room for the proper formation of the ten classes, but all were huddled together.

* On trying I find that 500 people sometimes crowd into this space and some of it is too damp for use, some of the space is occupied by stairs, so that a great number

the teachers cramped for room and wholly unable to reach the eager scholars with their voices. As I sat there ready to cry out with the effort, the discomfort and the bad air, I wished that one of you could only experience it to be convinced of what we need.

With no glass in the windows to close, it not infrequently happens that, in summer, added to the stifling heat of such a place, a hurricane fills the whole air with fine dust and, if it happens to be a communion service, the elements are covered with it and rendered unusable.

There is now no Gregorian priest in the village and all classes of people are hungry to hear the Word. A large, new church building would be crowded. Many are now kept away because there is no room. We have here one of the best of and last class of theologues, a truly spiritually-minded man with a good wife. The church hopes to have him ordained. The schools have good teachers, but no suitable buildings; however, the people feel that the first crying need is a church building, and they have already laid the foundation, having given themselves, out of their deep poverty about
Here they had to stop for lack of money, but they are driven by their hunger and need to commence again, but not knowing from where the money is to come,

Yesterday the preacher gave notice of seven committees just appointed over the work, — the first, "The Look-out committee," to watch and superintend. Another "The committee for laborers", that is, to provide laborers and see to their work. Another, "The committee on ways & means", that is, to collect the money. Another, "The committee on stone", that is, to provide stone. Another on timber, Another on sand, &c. So each man has his work and glories in it. There are five in each committee.

When we remember the poverty of the people, the heavy taxation, the hopelessness as to temporal prosperity and that most are in debt, truly we are looking upon a miracle of courage and faith. They are praying as never before, — praying for me as I write. As I to-day sat before an aged, sick woman who seems near to the other world, she solemnly addressed me, "Mis Bush, it is long since I have seen you and I have a great request to make; I beg you to listen, for just as Queen Esther came to the throne to save her people, so you have come back to us for such a time as this. I want you to work and beg for the building of our church." And this woman had given two Turkish pounds, her sole possession, to help build the house of God! I commence my part of the work by writing this plea for help from you. "For love of Christ," as the Orientals say, I beg your aid for this brave and needy church. Could you see the earnestness of the people in Sabbath School and prayer-meetings, — two a day all the week, — and know fully the need of the whole village, your hearts would be moved as is mine. May God grant you the means to help liberally.

Yours in our Master's service,

Caroline E. Bush.

Harpoot,

Turkey,

Asia.

This church has now a government firman for building.

To Caroline E. Bush

Harp. Turkey.

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Miss C. E. Bush.

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Harpoot, April 13th 1907.

Rev. E. E. Strong, D.D.

Dear Dr. Strong,

The enclosed is in answer to a letter that you wrote to Mr. Browne and should be sent to Mr. E. D. Parker, 379 Roberts St., St. Paul, Minn.

I am just off for a brief tour before Emma's wedding. How she did surprise us! All the people in the White House are very happy.

My love to all in your home. Be sure of our love, sympathy and high esteem.

Yours cordially,

Caroline E. Bush.

Caroline E. Bush

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Harpoot, July 31st 1907.

Rev. Enoch F. Bell.

Dear Mr. Bell,

Your most satisfactory letter of May 10th gave me hope, though late, that if I write again I may again have a brief answer.

I well know how you have all been crippled by Dr. Barton's absence, but there is one letter an answer to which I have been watching for for months. On April 5th, last, I mailed a letter from here addressed within to the Prudential Committee. It was on the subject of help for new churches in Cooloo and other places. May I ask if that letter, written with the sanction of our station and being a plea for a great need, was presented to the Prudential Committee and, if so, what answer was given? Not only myself, but the whole station and our Co-operation Committee await the answer eagerly and with the deepest anxiety. This week, or next, another appeal on the same subject will go to you,

I believe. I need not remind you what a vital matter it is to us, this of aiding these poor people to have proper houses of worship after their long-suffering patience these many years.

I was much gratified by your sympathy for my views concerning work for T.'s. I only wish that all in the Board meeting last year had had the same. It was all telegraphed to Con'ple, as you have doubtless heard, that is, the statements made at that meeting. It is almost impossible to estimate the harm that such speeches and newspaper reports do us and Christ's work. Christ's Kingdom will not come by creating a furor at home for a new kind of work. Would that we had the means supplied properly to carry on the work we now have in hand for which we are really crippled on every side.

Hoping soon to hear of my most-important, but apparently lost letter,

Yours cordially,

Caroline E. Nash.

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Harpoot, August 22nd 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter to the circle, read with delight last evening, tells us that you are in London to-day. It is pleasant to locate you. I can not tell you how we treasure up in our hearts what you say about desiring to see Harpoot. We echo the wish for your coming. We have missed you at the Rooms more than can be expressed and feel your interest and labors and sympathy

unspeakably.

I trust that you will find Mrs. Barton better and not be utterly overwhelmed by the work awaiting you. With a hearty welcome back from Mrs Poole and myself and prayer that you may be kept in great peace and health;

Your missionary associate,

Clara E. Bush.

Caroline E. Bush

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Miss C. E. Bush

Harpoot, November 16th 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

When I came back to Turkey the last time I handed you an envelope containing my Will to keep. Will you kindly put it into your pocket, carry it home and put it on the coals in your sitting-room grate, or some equally safe place to be destroyed? I may send you another some time. I have it written but want to make a copy.

Dr. Atkinson and I are planning to go next week on a

tour to Periand Cagoonoka. I may g
on the way back, to Ichme, Ca
Kamish, Shukaji and Cabossi
but am not sure of it. Winter
seems to be commencing se-
verely. I was off at Garmute for a
week, lately, and stayed a night
and a day at Hooeloo and the
went with Mr. Browne in a wag
to Malatia to meet Mr. & Mrs.
Hicks, with whom we had a fine
visit.

I hope that Mrs. Barton is no
well. Please give love to her an
your children. With congratulation
on the Annual Meeting,

Your friend,

Caro E. Bush.

Mr. & Mrs. Hicks made a delightful
impression here.

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Caro E. Bush

Harpoot, November 27th 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am sending you, registered, by this week's mail, my newly-written Will. I have already written you asking you to destroy the old one. Will you please keep this new one in a safe place? I keep a copy here.

All in our circle are well. We have with us, just now, three Cornell men, archaeologists, exploring in these regions. They seem to be fine men and we are enjoying their visit. It is a breeze from the outside world.

I hope you will all have a happy Thanksgiving to-morrow. Our dinner and meeting are to be at the Knapps' and if the Consul and wife come, we shall be twenty-seven Americans! Mr. Browne and I will think of a delightful meal and evening at your house. I was thinking it was Thanksgiving, but it was not. Mr. Browne is very busy with lessons and meetings and most useful. He is a power in this circle more than ever before and seems well, physically.

With love to Mrs. Patton,

Yours cordially,

Clara E. Bush.

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Hoeclor, January 27th 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your kind letter of November 15th was duly received and it was indeed good to feel that I am in communication with you once more. It is a cheer and comfort to us all to know that you are in your place again. Everybody missed you while you were absent. Since then I have seen Ellsworth Huntington's book and join you in feeling proud of it and its author.

Mr. Browne, Miss Poole and I have been off on a tour of over three weeks to Tughke, Kesrik, Perchenj, Tertmenik and this place. It was the Christmas vacation in the schools and Mr. Browne could get

away and he was longing to be out
the field at work again. He seemed
happy in the work, preaching and la
as of yore, but with more power. He
gone home to-day and Miss Poole and
expect to return day after to-morro.

I wish I could sit down by your
side and tell you about all these pl
visited, but especially about my visi
at which homes, but, as you are a
and speech-maker, I dare not pr
the latter story into your ears, much as I do
and much as I am sure of your interes
and appreciation.

You speak of seeing a letter fr
me whose answer was delayed for ac
of the Prudential Committee. I think
must have been the letter written fro
here, begging for help to build the ch

Mr. Bell wrote me that the letter had been read with sympathy, but the Committee had no money to use for help in building. However, he said that it was voted to have the appeal published in the "Missionary Herald" and it would appear, as I understood, about the time I should receive his letter. This was August 30th last and I have not seen anything in the ~~letter~~ "Herald" about Hoochow since! If it has appeared and I have overlooked it, I should be grateful if you would send me that copy by mail, to my address, separately. If it has not appeared, why?

Again we have come here and sat with this brave people in the hole, — a place only fit for a stable, —

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in which they seek to worship God." Can I picture to you the misery of sitting there through a service, — the air so foul that one feels as if the blood vessels in the head would burst, or the heart cease to beat, or the lungs be choked. Of course we can not listen to the sermon, and of course Mr. Browne's face grew red hot as he preached and oh! the poor people who have borne this for eleven and a half years, at least. If it were a little, shabby, good-for-nothing community, I could bear it better, but it is the largest and active village church we have. The schools are excellent, save that both boys' and girls' have no suitable building. The boys' school

has had to give up its building at present, for the use of the Kinder-garten and Parsonage.

Imagine the boys' school in this dark, low, dirty place. Imagine the people, four, to five hundred, of them packed into it on the Sabbath. I could think of nothing but the "Black Hole of Calcutta" as I sat and caught my breath there and tried not to scream with agony. And then I thought of our own beautiful, well-ventilated Broadway Tabernacle and of the churches where you and the members of the Prudential Committee worship and it did seem as if someone could be found pitiful and loving and generous enough to give at least

a few hundreds, out of their me[illegible]ions, to help build such churches. I do no[illegible] know how to express, in words, my sorrow for Hoochoo, Chaonkoosh, Bigmisher and Ontakegh in their n[illegible] of suitable houses of worship. And Hoochoo has just as much need of a parsonage and girls' school building. The people and we have discouragements enough. It seems as if we o[illegible] not to have this.

I am sorry to say that the Hoochoo Pastor has had to resign, o[illegible] account of his wife's health. He is a lovely, spiritually-minded man, native of Ankah, and a graduate of last Theological Class at Ca[illegible] The schools are in fine condition, Kindergarten, being the first we ha[illegible]

nd in a village, is their joy and pride.

The church in Pelkeny seems to have advanced spiritually, somewhat, while that in Hacelar is not what it has n. Their young men in our College s not have a good religious influence when they return for vacations and the young people, generally, are injured by the money and the views of America. The old simplicity of faith does not appear among the young, but a restlessness is under restraint, a desire to be independent of rules, and a doubting of God's Word and His goodness.

And yet, we are cheered and love our work, but are eager for God's Spirit to work with power on souls.

With love from Marie and me to Mrs. Barton and one of your sympathy and help, Yours cordially,

Cara E. Bush.

Caroline E. Bush

Harpoot-Turkey. Jan. 27-1908.

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Harpoot, July 1st, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Since the massacres in 1895 the E.T.M., owing to lack of funds, the scarcity of workers at each station, and the unsettled condition of the country, has had but two Mission Meetings, one at Erzroum in 1898 and a second at Van three years ago; so that when we tell you that our Mission is again assembled at Harpoot and the Meeting in full swing, you will rejoice with us. Two delegates from Erzroum, one from Van, and two from Mardin, with wives and children of two, and our large station, makes a far larger number than we could have hoped for when we first began to plan.

Eagerly have we listened to the reports of the different stations, unfolding as they have such new phases of the work after the passage of so many years, and the new thoughts and plans of the younger men and women are refreshing to those long in the work.

All testify to the ravages that hard times and consequent emigration are making in all parts of our field. Yet all testify to advance in all branches of the work. Statistics in the Harpoot field show that there has been a gain here in church membership, gifts for benevolence, and native workers.

As far as desire for education in all our fields is concerned, and the willingness to make large sacrifices for it, we could wish nothing more. A great aid to the carrying out of these strong desires has been the Industrial Plants in Harpoot and Van. Such plants are now aimed at for Mardin and Bitlis.

Music in our schools, both vocal and instrumental, has made fine progress, so that it is now really enjoyable. Cookery and needlework and the study of English have also become more prominent, while a class of nurses in Harpoot is a new feature in training. Pedagogy also occupies a most important place, more so than ever before. The graduation of a good-sized class from our E.T.M. Theological Seminary has been a subject of great interest to the Mission.

The orphanages have furnished many good teachers and artisans. Orphans are growing up and becoming independent, and the hope is to close these institutions or have only one in a city and that self-supporting.

Mardin opens up new and far-reaching plans for educational and co-operative work,- the buying of ground for a future

College and the working in union of three or four missionary societies of Mesopotamia and Arabia in the support of this institution. It takes new heart, after years of loneliness and depression, because of a large band of American workers and hope for more. The reopening of the Theological Seminary at Mardin with twelve pupils and a three years' course gives fresh courage to the newest missionary and leads him to press for calling to his aid a young professor in America, so that High School and Theological Seminary may take new strides in influence and efficiency.

The Erzroum people press their need of help for a new church building; and the missionaries urge the continuance of the work in Russia, hoping that special funds will be granted without straitening in the least our work in this land. In the latter field there is constantly a wide arena for progress and extension if sufficient funds can only be ready.

The prospect of a missionary physician and hospital in Diarbekir opens up a new-old field which is needy indeed. Greatly do we appreciate the privilege of giving new hope to all that populous region, and may Dr. Ward be as widely known and loved there as have been so many American physicians in this land.

Co-operation with the Germans has revealed to us such differences in policy, race characteristics and religious views that we are not confident of the wisdom of its continuance. The problem may soon take definite shape and require definite action. We deeply regret the crippling of our finances which made such co-operation imperative and will make a withdrawal from the compact most harmful, though we may be driven to it.

All of us have great cheer in the thought of new recruits you are to send us, and drooping heads and hearts, pressed under loads far too heavy, are looking up, refreshed by hope of the help soon to come.

Bitlis, with its two brave women leaders, now looks forward with added courage because of the prospective coming of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard. The Mission feels that too much cannot be said in gratitude to the Misses Ely for their devotion of money, strength and time to their dearly-loved work.

Grateful for the new provision made for missionaries in language study, two committees have been chosen for the Arabic and Armenian fields to lay out courses of study and provide for suitable examinations of new missionaries. Thereby we hope to prevent them from being crippled in their life's service by having only a poor knowledge of the language to be used in their work.

Van astonishes us by spiritual and educational advance, in spite of all that infidelity and revolutionism can do to hinder. Hindrances to spiritual advancement have been numerous in other parts of our field,- discouragement has gone to the extent of loss of faith in God; criticism of theological views has led to

party spirit and divisions, and young men in the College have been drawn back from Christian work because of lack of sympathy from too conservative Christians. But, notwithstanding all this, unseen forces are at work, even the power of the Holy Spirit, not only in Christian races, but in others, making them hungry for better and holier conditions.

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Many Moslems are listening to and reading the Word of God and eagerly accepting the gift of a Testament. Many say, "There is but a hair between us," or, "All you say is true, only we cannot live up to it." May God help us in the difficult and delicate task of winning them to the whole truth, and may God help the Christian people to live Christ before them.

One of the most startling innovations is the opening of a Theological Class at Harpoot by the Gregorian ecclesiastics for the education of young priests in doctrines, church ritual and history, for which our Board gladly furnishes some pecuniary help and Mr. Carey's efficient services in teaching. May this be but the beginning of a closer union of Gregorians and Protestants and the granting of an enlightened clergy to the Old Church.

A letter just received from Dr. Barton urges the holding of an E.T.M. Annual Meeting for just the reasons that now make us thoroughly grateful that we are holding one. We vote it a success. We trust that in the long years of the future there shall never again be the harmful and weakening interregnums of the past. We feel stronger, as workers and in our spiritual life, because of the counsels we have held together on this occasion. May all be for the glory of God.

Yours in behalf of the Mission,

Caroline E. Bush.

Caroline C. Bush

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Mission Letter

AUG 17 1908

Harpoot, July 16th, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Sometime ago I received your kind letter of April sixth and desired to answer it immediately, but touring work prevented and I only now can find the time to write. I am sometimes indulging in the use of Miss Poole's machine to make a change from so much use of the pen. I hope that you will realize that I am behind it.

I have been pondering your request for information about the branch of my work in which I have the most profound interest, and do want to write you much about it and realize that you have a right to know, but it is a very difficult subject about which to write. Since receiving your letter I have had one from the W.B.M. asking for a leaflet on the subject. I have been thinking of that also and to-morrow hope to try and make a commencement on that and see if that will lead me on to writing what you want. There was some writing for me in connection with Annual Meeting which has hindered me from getting at this before.

As you will know before receiving this, the grave subject of our meeting was co-operation with the Germans. Last evening, ---no, the one previous, we, as a Station, were in conference over a conference which the Germans and Americans had together on Monday last. Of course others have written you of that, so I will not go into particulars. After it we were called upon to vote. Most of us voted against co-operation, but I grieve to say that I almost immediately regretted it. It seemed to me a higher stand to try the co-operation again, in hope and faith that God would work a miracle of love for us. And yet, when I look at it from the other side, it seems only common-sense, after all this trial of that plan, after bearing so much trouble, not to try it any more. We do love the Germans, we do want to work with them, now that co-operation is once begun, we are ashamed to have the people all say, "See, the Americans and Germans can not work together", and we can not now imagine a way by which the division of the field can be satisfactorily made, nor can we open our mouths to justify ourselves before the people, yet the separation seems inevitable at sometime, and why not now before worse troubles arise?

Of course, if we had had all the money we needed we should never have gotten into this scrape, and if we only had an abundance now we might get out of it more easily. With no extra money we can not say to the Germans, We will take back what we have given you. Certainly we have had some of the darkest, bluest days over this matter that I have experienced in Harpoot. To see our best pastors leaving us and clinging to the Germans, to have people say, "They can not work together", and not to be able to justify ourselves in the least by an explanation, no matter what they or others say, has been hard indeed.

Monday, July 20th, I have commenced the article for the leaflet. We will see what it comes to and then I can decide whether I shall write something more for you or whether this will accomplish what you wish.

Please give much love to Mrs. Barton and your children. Miss Poole also sends kind regards. We hope you had a fine trip to England. We never forget you all here.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

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Caroline E. Bush

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Harpoot, August 3d. 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am sending, this week, to our W. B. M. Associate Secretary, Miss Helen B. Calder, material for a leaflet on the special work about which you asked information. Having finished it, it seems to me that it will serve you as well as the W. B. M. I should have to write the same to you should I attempt anything separate.

I want to send it to Dr. Herrick to read before it shall go on to Boston, but can not quite be sure that conditions in C. will be all right for that. We are living in peace and quiet here, but are eager to know what is going on at the capital, of which you, no doubt, have daily news. Under the present circumstances we feel very closely shut in.

It has seemed best, for my health's sake, to confine work outside Harpoot, for me, to near villages this fall and to stay wholly in Harpoot when the cold weather comes on. It is a great trial to give up the blessed privilege of flying around this field, to all corners.

We had a station meeting over it two evenings ago. My stopping the distant touring seems to hinder Miss Poole's doing it, also, for she ought not to go without me. She is brave and conscientious about it and wishes to do her duty, but she does not take easily to horseback riding. It wearies her too much and, too, a pain that she had in her side last year, though much better, is not entirely gone. She has not the endurance that Emma Barnum and I had for touring and it would be cruel to keep her in it. She proved her worth as a stenographer at the time of the Annual Meeting and will be invaluable in this capacity for our station this winter, greatly relieving in orphanage work. She can also do religious work in the city, orphanages and schools.

As I have seen the young women who have come out to us of late years, I have not observed one who was all right for this touring work. Miss Huntington was fine but would never have accepted it as a life work. Emma was fine and would have devoted herself to it save for the need of her parents. No one else we have had here could have endured the strain.

Tuesday, April 4th. It seems that I am on the eve of a very serious change in my life. On Saturday last I gave my resignation to the Station; I understood it to be set aside and not accepted, but I see that it is wise to listen to the opinions of those who feel that I am not strong enough, physically, to remain on the field longer, even with a change of work. So, after thirty-eight years of work here, I shall, as soon as possible, plan to return to America this fall. Perhaps if I had not gone to work at touring on my return this time, this would not so soon have occurred. Perhaps I made a mistake in coming out at all. It is a sore grief to return so soon. The wrench of parting from home and my special work, and from Miss Poole, who is like a daughter to me, is very great, but "He giveth more grace."

Thursday, Aug. 6th. I wrote the above before speaking with Miss Poole about some later developments and, after writing, found out that part of the Station feel that I should not go this fall and it seems to me that, in view of this and Miss Poole's sore distress at my going, I can not call the matter of my going decided. I shall hope to write Miss Lamson next week as to the decision. At present I am tempest-tossed and know not where I shall land.

How difficult it is, sometimes, to know God's will. This is what I am now seeking.

My love to Mrs. Barton and your children. I hope you are all well.

Yours cordially,

Carolina E. Bush.

Barton Rec'd Aug. 3 1908

REC'D SEP 10 1908

Confidential.

Harpoot, August 12th 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Inadvertently I yesterday overheard Mr. Knapp dictate a letter to you which surprised and pained me. It seems to me that it is my duty to give you some correct information on the subject of the letter, otherwise you may act and act blindly.

He says, "Some of us" felt that it would not be just to Diarbekir to get Dr. Ward to stay here. Now I understand "Some of us" to give you the impression that the writer, Mr. Knapp, was one of those, whereas, it was he who called the meeting Saturday evening to lay before us the necessity of keeping Dr. Ward here and he pressed the point just as long and as hard as he could. The above expression does not seem to me just honest.

Mr. Riggs, much as he would like to have Dr. Ward stay this winter, spoke most nobly as regards his duty toward Diarbekir, as did Mr. Browne and Dr. Barnum. Much as we need Dr. Ward here and like him and wish him to stay with us, at least through the winter, we were a unit,

aside from Mr. Knapp, in believing it unjust and unfair to Diarbekir to keep Dr. Ward here, especially as we had strongly advised him not to go to Van, since he was already pledged to Diarbekir.*

Knowing all this, it does not seem to me just honest in Mr. Knapp to tell you only one desire to have Dr. Ward here and to write as if he were expressing the wish of the Station to have you do what you can to bring this about.

Dr. Ward, also, spoke most nicely in the meeting, expressing his and his wife's loyalty to Diarbekir, because he was sent out for that place, because some of the money given for that work had already been used, and because it would have a most unfortunate effect upon Diarbekir should he not go there.

We all like Dr. Ward and his wife very much indeed and, personally, I can not help saying, in my own mind, "Oh! why were we not blessed with a man and woman of such presence and character." I presume all say this.

May I beg you not to let the contents of this letter be known to others? Please do not confide in the Atkinsons concerning this and please do not answer this letter, or in

* The close of Mr. N.'s letter might indicate that he, himself, was persuaded that it would be unfair to D. to keep Dr. W. here, but the letter, I fear, will give you the impression that he, while it all on behalf of the Station, knew you to do something, that he, while it all on behalf of the Station and that the Station knew you would do what you can to bring it about.

any way refer to it in any letter written to this place.

If I stay here this winter I am invited to work in the girls' school, but no one will take any responsibility as to deciding for me to stay and I shrink from taking it all upon myself. I still wait for more light, but must decide soon.

Dr. Ward and his wife are so faithful in studying the language and he is so kind and thoughtful for the sick. He is a gentleman and does not talk about his work at the table. He takes hold of the work here most diligently, as if it were his own. We are impressed by signs of his ability and skill. His wife is lovely in every way and will be his strong helper.

Please give love to Mrs. Barton and your children.

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

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Constantinople, October 19th '08.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I expect to sail from Naples, Italy, for New York, in the steamer König Albert of the North German Lloyd, on October 29th. Hoping to see you in Boston in due time,

Yours cordially,

Caro E. Bush.

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Constantinople — Oct. 19 - 1908.

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ST. DENIS HOTEL
BROADWAY & ELEVENTH ST.
NEW YORK.
WM. TAYLOR & SON, INC.

November 20th, 1908.

Dear Dr. Barton & Mrs. Barton,

I shall be most glad to see you when I can break away from this fascinating place. "Such times and I'm in 'em." And I well enough to enjoy all and also can get much rest and am tenderly cared for.

I expect to go on Monday to see my Harriet and be with her a

week. Please direct to her care, 32 North Lansdowne Avenue, Lansdowne, Pa.

Then I expect to be absent from your region a week longer, besides.

Thanks for your kind letter of welcome, Dr. Barlow. Love to you all.

Affectionately,

Caro E. Bush.

Please see that my letters are forwarded to the above address and give the same to Mr. Hosmer.

Rec'd DEC 5 1908

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Englewood, Dec. 4th 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am to leave here on Monday next and go to New York for only three days and then to Brooklyn. May I ask you to have my letters addressed, after Monday, the 7th, to the care of Nathaniel Norton, Esq., 210 Hancock Street, Brooklyn, N.Y.? Will you please

have the W. B. M. office and Mr. Hosmer & others know of this, for five foreign letters went to the St. Denis Hotel this week and also a ~~postal~~ package from the W. B. M. and were then forwarded here.

I do not suppose you can remember a letter that you wrote to me at Harpoot; the last one there. It came after I left and was sent back here. I want to thank you for the appreciative words you wrote of my booklet, "The Opening

Door for Moslems." They filled me with unspeakable gratitude. Like words were written me by Miss Seymour and have been spoken by Mrs. Rhea of the Persian Mission, here, and by my friends and relatives in New York and I praise God that He inspired me to write as I did.

Yours in His Name,

Caroline E. Bush.

Caroline E. Bush

Englewood - N. J. Dec. 4 - 1908.

Miss Ruth M. Bushnell,

Erzroom, Turkey.
May 18, 1905

Dear Dr. Barton,

I was seized with consternation this morning when looking over my letters I found three unanswered ones from you. I know that such neglect is almost unpardonable, and I shall not try to make excuses but only promise, as the little girl says "I'll never do so any more".

We have just been having a most refreshing rain, which fills us all with hope that the harvests this year will be better than last, and that the suffering next Winter will be much lessened on that account. I had never dreamed of such poverty and suffering as I have witnessed this Winter, and it

makes my heart ache even now to think of it. And we have been able to do so little to relieve it all, but we have welcomed every opportunity to administer food to the spiritual as well as to the bodily needs, and we have good reason to believe that it has not all been in vain.
It has been such a good lesson for our girls too. The Christian Endeavor members have been to visit some poor families every week, and after these visits our boarders would often ask to be allowed to send half of their dinner to these destitute ones. And at Christmas time they made several families happy by gifts of food, clothing and fuel. About three weeks ago

our pastor made a very earnest appeal for the Famine sufferers in India. When our girls came home, they came to us and asked that they be allowed to have nothing but bread at noon for a month, and send the money thus saved to the starving people in India. We allowed them to do it and they are evidently thriving upon it. But when, one day, they wanted to save part of their evening meal to send to some very poor people we heard of, I told them I feared they would be sick if they went without their food so much. But I was rebuked the next moment when one dear girl, Pavagon by name, looked up at me and said "God gives us strength". How true

it is that for every little thing we give up for Him, He repays us abundantly that we feel ashamed that we ever regarded it as a sacrifice.

Our school this year is most promising, and we are so happy in the prospect of a new school building. The ladies of the W. B. M. S. seemed much surprised at our estimate of $10,000 as the probable cost of the building. But we have been over it very carefully, and we do not see how such a building could possibly be built for less. Building in Bergroone is said to be more expensive than in any other place in India on account of most of the material having to be brought from such a distance. And we do not want to put up a building that would h

to be replaced in a number of years. I am still very hopeful about it, and I think the money will soon be provided, permission obtained, and we shall not have to stay in this old tumble-down building much longer.

I am feeling more at home with the Armenian language this year. Living in the school, giving orders to servants, and coming so much in contact with the girls has given me just the practice which I was needing, tho I fear it will be several years before I shall master it thoroughly.

We are all greatly disappointed that there is to be no Annual Meeting this Summer, especially so now that a wedding is to be added to the other attractions.

We all admire Dr. Usher and Miss Barrows both so much, and we are very glad for them. You have doubtless heard before this of the new member of the Ewgroom station little Miss Grace Natalie Stapleton. She has already won all our hearts, and I think she will assist greatly in the work of the station.

Mr. Stapleton and Badrille Dombohan have just gone for a short tour to the Passen district, to look after the work there. A little later they will go to Ewgingan and that vicinity. It makes it rather hard for one missionary to have to do all the station work and touring besides, and I do hope that Mr. Stapleton may have a helper before long.

With greetings from Mrs. Lord and myself to yourself and Mrs. Barton, I remain

Most sincerely yours

Ruth M. Brodwell.

REC'D FEB 8 1904

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Erzroom Turkey Jan. 16th. 1904.

My dear Friends:-

I am sure you all rejoiced with us when the schod building which was so much needed, and for which we had worked and prayed and waited so long was at last a reality. Happy was the day last February when we moved into it, and during these few months of occupancy we have enjoyed it so much. It seemed as if God had answered our every prayer, and that our work in the future could never seem too hard or discouraging with such a monument of His love and goodness ever before us. But the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away blessed be the name of the Lord. As you rejoiced with us in our happiness, I know that you will now mourn and sympathize with us in our great calamity, for our beautiful new building is now a heap of ruins, burnt with all its contents at three A.M. Sunday January 10th. I thank God daily that there were no lives lost for had we been arouse ten minutes later I doubt if we could have gotout of the burning building. As it was, the smoke was so dense in my room that I thought I should sucumb before I could find the door. There were in the building at the time beside myself thirteen persons - boarders, teachers and c--k - and all lost every thing. Had there been an efficient fire department here part of the building and much of the contents might have been saved, but several attempts were made to enter the building but all were driven back by the furious blinding smoke.

Our boarders have found shelter for the present in the orphanage, and we are trying to supply their immediate needs.

There is no doubt but what the building was set on fire by some one outside, as we can find no possible way that it could have caught from within. There are known to be enemies to the school as there are to every good cause but it is almost an impossible task to prove anything in this country altho' the government is carrying on an investigation.

This comes as a great blow to our work, which has been unusually prosperous this year in spite of the bitter opposition of the Gregorians. On this account we feel that we must open the school again without much delay, so as soon as we can procure the necessary books, seats, &c we hope to continue our school in the Mission house.

Our school is recognized as standing for all best things, and many of the leading Gregorian families would send their children to us if it were not for the threats for their bishops and priests. They threaten them now with excommunication if they send their children to our schools. But in spite of this opposition our schools are steadily growing in number and influence and truth and right will in the end prevail.

Our visits among the poor this year have been a great comfort to us, as we have always been joyfully received and the word of God has been earnestly listen to. Our Bible woman is also doing a good work among them and we look for much fruit from her labors.

Another encouraging part of our work is the schools in the villages. Three of our last year's graduates who were not needed in our school here signified their willingness to go out as teachers to some of these distant villages.

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Owing to the dregredation of those places , it means as great a sacrifice for girls to leave their homes and to go there to teach , as it does for a missionary to go to a foreign field.

In one of the villages where one of our girls went to teach they suffered so from the drpredations of the Kurds that they felt that they could not keep up the school. From the other two places however we have most encouraging reports, which show that not only in their school work but in house to house visitation and the reading of the Bible our girls are putting into daily practice the lessons which they learned here in school.

We visited some of these places during the summer, and again I was impressed more than ever with the necessity of bringing girls from these villages to educate and send back to their own people. It seems to me that is the best way to uplift them. It is true that we have a few from those places, but I want to gather in more to be train ~~The greatest drawback in such work is~~ as in every department of missionary work , is the lack of funds, for all the villagers are so desperatly poor that few can pay a quarter of what is necessary for board and clothing so the remainder has to be furnished in some other way.

With gratful hearts we thank you for your help and prayers in the past, and we ask for a continuance in the same, that now in the time of our trouble Our faith and strength and courage fail not and that upon the ruins of our school a still greater and more glorious work may be raised up in His Name Whose wrk it is and Whose we are.

Yours most sincerely

R. M. Bushnell.

Miss Ruth M. Bushnell 153

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Ans'd DEC 22 1904

Erzroom, Turkey.
Nov. 4, 1904.

My dear Dr. Barton,

I have two unacknowledged letters of yours before me, received so long ago that I am almost ashamed to answer them now. The last year was such a busy one that I fear many important duties were neglected and among them my correspondence.

The hardest is over now, however, and I am rejoicing over Miss Lord's return. It does me good to see her looking so well, and she goes at the work so courageously that it gives me new courage. I hope that we shall be able to do much for the school this year.

We are glad to welcome Miss Foote to Erzroom, too. She is an unusually earnest devoted Christian, and I am sure she will do a great amount

of good.

I was very glad to get settled in the new building again before Miss Lorde arrival, and as soon after they got here as possible we had the dedication service. God has indeed been good to us in giving us our school again so soon, and I hope that it will do much toward sending out the light and the truth throughout this country. We feel the need, every day, of so many of the things necessary for the work, but the F. B. M. D. write us that a few things are on the way, so little by little we shall probably get what we need, in time.

Mr. Stapleton started last week for a tour among some of the out-stations. I intended going with him, in the interests of our schools, but an attack of tonsilitis kept me at home. Miss Foole went, however, and we shall wait anxiously to hear of conditions in those villages.

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In Hanoos, especially, the people have suffered much during this last year, on account of their nearness to the troubled districts of Moosh and Sassoun. They are so poverty stricken that they are hardly able to assist in the support of pastors or teachers and sometimes the outlook for the work in those places ~~too~~ is very dark. It is a great comfort to know that everything is in the hands of our Father, Who doeth all things well. If it were not for that thought I am sure we should more often become discouraged in the face of all the trouble and opposition which we have had to meet here.

The Church here in Erzroom has just called a new pastor, a Baron Khatchig from Van. He seems to be entering upon the

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[illegible] in the right spirit, & we are earnestly praying that he may be the means of an awakening among the Church members here.

With earnest greetings, I remain

Most sincerely yours

Ruth M. Bushnell.

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REC'D JAN 16 1905

Erzroom, Turkey.
Dec. 20, 1904.

Dr. J. L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

ANS'D MAY 6 1905

Dear Dr. Barton,

When Mr. Stapleton was ready to send in his semi-annual account last week, I found that he had down 74 £. Turkish that I had evidently overdrawn. I am sorry to have such a statement go in, for it is hardly a true representation of my financial standing. Many things for the school have been put down against my account, and I did not know it until the statement was ready to be sent. I find also that the freight on all my new outfit is charged to me, while I had understood that the Board pay the freight the same

as when one first comes out. Is it not so?

And further, as Miss Lord did not receive a full outfit allowance, I have had to pay for all our dining- and sitting-room furniture, which may have caused me to run a little bit beyond my allowance, altho' I was as careful as possible not to order anything we did not absolutely need.

From my childhood I have been taught to abhor debt, and to have the appearance of such a debt as the above makes me feel very badly indeed. But before the next statement I hope it will be all straightened out, and I shall be very careful that such a thing does not happen again.

I am writing Miss Fringale to-day about the freight, etc.

Miss Lord has not been well since her return. Dr. Stapleton feared typhoid

fever at one time, but I believe that she thinks now that it was only the result of becoming re-acclimated.

With New Year's greetings, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

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Erzroom

Dec. 20, 1904.

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ANS'D APR 20 1905

Erzroom, Turkey.
March 11, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of Dec. 24th was received some time ago, and I thank you for your kind wishes for the New Year.

I have felt badly at not being able to carry on my full share of work this year, (on account of the strain and overwork of last year), and I often find myself looking forward eagerly to the year of rest in the Homeland.

The fear, about which Miss Lord wrote in the Fall, was very real. But Mr. Shipley went immediately

to the Vali, who promised that our buildings should be well protected by the police. About the same time the Persian Consul here was removed, and the former Consul, - who was here when we came and who was friendly to us and to our work, - was sent back here, so we feel very safe from any further disturbances from that quarter.

We are feeling very happy at having Dr. and Mrs. Underwood with us. They are rare people, and we feel that they will be a great help in the work here.

We hope that the darkest days are over for Erzroom, and that great blessings are in store for the work here.

With most cordial greetings, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

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Erzroom, Turkey,
April 3, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D. ABC'S MAY 8 1905
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Barton,

May I explain to you how it happened that the Prudential Committee was not consulted about Miss Foote's transfer to Erzroom. It was not the fault of any one person, but was due to the ignorance of the Erzroom station as to what was proper to be done under such circumstances. My experience last year, in the work here, made us all feel that one person should not be left to bear all the burdens alone. In larger stations, where there are more to help out during the absence of one, the work can be so divided up among those that are left that it may not be necessary to send some one to

take the place of the one on furlough. But in a place like Erzroom, with only one missionary family, not much help could be expected from that direction, especially in this case, as Mrs. Stapleton has all her medical and orphanage work besides her growing family, to fill her time and attention.

So, as Miss Foote seemed to be filling vacancies, this station voted to ask her to come here for two years, to help in the school this year, and to take my place altogether next year while I am home on furlough, and I was instructed by the station to write to the A. B. M. I. for their approval, as well as to Miss Foote to see if she were willing to come. The A. B. M. I. wrote that the idea pleased them very much, and if the Eastern Turkey Mission should give its approval, they would be glad to make the transfer. They said nothing about our consulting

the Prudential Committee, so we quite naturally thought that all that had to be done was to gain the consent of the Eastern Turkey Mission.

We should not have asked for her, however, if we had understood before her antipathy to educational work, for there is a very limited part of the year that one can tour among the out-stations here, & it does not seem to us that it pays for one to spend her whole time in visiting among the Protestant families of the city. But we asked for her for only two years (at the end of which she will be entitled to her furlough), so at the end of that time she will be free to go wherever the Prudential Committee sees best to send her.

We most humbly beg your pardon, Dr. Barton, for making such a blunder, and we beg that you will send us a manual of the rules & regulations

for missionaries, which we promise faithfully to read, so that nothing of the kind shall ever happen again.

With most cordial greetings,

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Erzroom, Turkey, Apr. 3

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REC'D JUL 6 1905

Hancock Point, Maine
July 5, 1905.

Received two letters, both postmarked from Saint C.N.C.

Rev James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am glad to be able to write you this time from the Homeland. I landed at Quebec last Saturday, the 1st, and came down here on Monday for a little visit with Mrs Lord's sisters. Of course this trip is entirely independent of the Board's funds.

I expect to leave here next Monday for Michigan, and as I find that it is nearly as cheap to go via Boston, I have decided to go that way and

spend Tuesday and Wednesday in Boston.

I hope to call Tuesday afternoon at the Board rooms.

If there are any letters waiting there for me will you please forward them to me here

c/o Prof. F. E. Lord.

With sincere greetings I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Hancock Point, Me. July 5, '05.

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Ans'd OCT 26 1905

6431 Harvard Ave. Chicago
Oct. 19, 1905.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Yours of Oct. 14th reached me as I was leaving Michigan, and I hasten to reply at the first opportunity.

I feel very sorry about Miss Lord's resignation, but I have feared for some time that it was coming. The severe winters of Erzroum have been very trying for her health and she was ill so much of the time last winter, that I have feared that she could not remain much longer in that climate.

I believe that Miss Lord considers the above sufficient reason for resigning, and it is the principal one. But there is another reason which I feel that you ought to know, altho' Miss Lord may

not approve of my telling you.
I do not like to bring up anything against any of my associates in the work, for I feel that we all have our faults and we ought to bear and forbear as much as possible.
Mr. Stapleton has from the first considered himself not only head of the general work of the Ergroom station, but of the Girls' School as well. He has grown more and more dictatorial in regard to our work, telling Miss Lord that she is not principal of the school, that he is the head of it, and that we must do just as he says about everything. You can imagine how unpleasant it is especially to a person of Miss Lord's experience and judgment, to be so hampered in her work.
Mr. Stapleton was quite new at the work when he came there, and I think it is all due to his not knowing any better. He is a person that does not like to be told.
It will be a great loss to the Girls' School to

have this Lord leave, for she is a person of rare judgment and executive ability, and she has done wonders in the few short years she has been there in building up the school. It has been worth a great deal to me to be associated with her in the school, and it will be very hard for me to go back and not find her there. Still, I trust that God will keep me to find another sincere, consecrated efficient worker to take her place, and that the work may go forward and prosper in spite of the many difficulties in the way.

I shall be here in Chicago until after the Annual Meeting of the N.B.M.S., when I expect to go to Colorado for a short speaking tour before going to California to spend the winter with my own family whom I have not yet seen.

Any letters sent to the N. B. M. S. rooms will be forwarded to me until I reach California when I will send you my permanent address.

I am sure you will regard what I have written as strictly confidential, for I do not wish to injure Mr. Stapleton's reputation in any way.

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Buswell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Chicago - Ill. Oct. 19 - 1905.

Rec'd FEB 28 1906 /59

343 East 6th St. Pomona, Cal.

Feb. 22, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Rec'd FEB 8 1906

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I find among my unanswered letters, one from you, received last Fall, while I was going around speaking for the F.B.M.C. I believe your question about affairs at Erzroom has been answered, as I understand that Miss Lord has written you her reasons for resigning.

I am sorry that it has seemed necessary for her to resign, but as affairs seem to be getting more unpleasant all the time, I do not doubt but what it is the best thing. Then, too, her health has been very poor since she returned

from her furlough, and she feels that she could do more effective work in a different climate.

Do you know what is being done towards filling the vacancy? I believe the F. B. M. S. had some one under consideration in the Fall, but they seem to be doing nothing about the matter at present. I hope that an efficient consecrated young lady may be found to go back with me when I go.

I hear from Erzroom that it has been suggested that Mr. Stapleton take Mr. Coles place in Bitlis for awhile, and Dr. Barnum of Constantinople go to Erzroom. Has it been definitely settled?

I am having a restful winter among my home friends in this land of flowers and sunshine. It is an

ideal spot in which to spend a winter, and I especially appreciate it after our severe Erzroom weather.

I was at Ontario, this state, last week, and spoke for the Mio'y Society of the Congregational Church of that place. Rev. Mr. Larkin, formerly of Mardin, is the pastor there, and he seems to have aroused a great missionary interest among his people. He is keeping up his study of the language, he told me, hoping & believe, to return to the foreign field at some time.

With cordial greetings, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Pushnell.

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Ans'd MAR 26 1906

843 East 6th St. Pomona, California
March 21, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I read in the Los Angeles daily, of the looting & burning by the Kourds, of the American Schools in Van. Have you any of the particulars of it? And are they in need of relief funds? Do you anticipate further trouble from the revolutionists in that section this Spring? I am very anxious to know all about it, & I think I can raise a little toward relief if necessary.

Most sincerely yours,
Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Pomona-Cal. Mar. 21-1906

Rec'd APR 30 1906
Ans'd APR 28 1906

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843 East 5th St., Pomona, California,
April 23, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have been very tardy in answering your last letter, but these last few weeks have been very busy ones in getting ready to leave home once more.

In regard to your question about my health, I do feel well enough to return to Turkey this Summer. I suffered a great deal this last Winter from rheumatism and neuralgia, and it must be that to which the Erzroom friends referred. Speaking in public takes every bit of my vitality, but that I can not hope to escape while in the Homeland. My general health now is very good, and I am making all preparations to return to my work in Erzroom. I want to sail about the middle of July in order to reach there before school opens in the Fall, as there will be no one to take charge until I get there.

Before I go, however, I should like a clear statement in regard to the part which the station is supposed to have in

controlling the Girls' School. Are not all of the internal affairs of the school to be managed by the American lady teachers? How much or how little authority is the principal of the school supposed to have? Or, is she only a figure-head? I ask these questions because this is just where the friction has been, and I think it will be easier for me if I have some authority for the stand I shall have to take when I go back. One of the circle in Erzroom wrote me recently, "It is not possible that five could be wrong and only one right". But I think it quite possible, when that one has had so many years of experience in the work, while the others are all new. There have been so many unjust things done there this year, that it makes my heart sick at the injustice of it all. I can only pray that the God of peace will rule in the hearts and minds of all, and that His work may not suffer on account of the imperfections of the workers.

I am sorry to hear that Miss Huntington is not to return to Harpoot. I trust that someone may be found in her place. Is there any hope yet that one may be found to go back with me?

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Buchwell.

Pamona Cal. Apr. 23-1906.

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Montrose, Colorado.

June 8, 1906

Rec'd JUN 15 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

14 Beacon St.

Boston, Mass.

Ans'd JUN 15 1906

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter was duly received, & I thank you for the information contained in it. I am afraid I did not make myself very clear in my former letter. I understood fully that it is not the Board that appoints a missionary to any individual work in a school or in a station, but that that matter rests with the mission or station itself. It was only on the supposition that I would have to take charge

of the school after Miss Lorde's departure, that I asked for information as to what matters connected with the school are supposed to be regulated by the station, and how much should be left to the principal. Should not the other American teachers in the school go to the principal for instructions about their work, or is each one supposed to be independent, having equal authority in the management of the girls, etc., etc.

I should consider it a great favor if you would kindly write out a statement in regard to the above matters, so

that I could have it to refer to in case it should seem necessary. I am now making a tour of Colorado, speaking in many of the principal Churches, and I have found good audiences and a very warm welcome, everywhere I have been.

I have just written Mr. Biggin asking him to secure passage for me via Gibraltar to Naples for July 14th. As I shall have to go back alone, it seems as tho' that will be the best way for me to go, re-sailing from Naples to Constantinople. I hope to meet Miss Lord in Naples, as I believe,

she expects to take the same route home.

Is it probable that some one may be appointed for the school in Ergroom to come out later in the Fall?

An answer sent to the W. B. M. I. rooms in Chicago, will be forwarded to me any time during the next three weeks.

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Montrose-Colo. June 8-1906.

Rec'd JUL 2 1906

East Leroy, Mich.

June 28, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

14 Beacon St.,

Boston, Mass.

Ans'd JUL. 3 1906

Dear Dr. Barton,

I found yours of the 15th inst. awaiting me when I arrived in Chicago two or three days ago. I thank you for so fully answering my questions and I appreciate what you say. I realize that the arrangement you have outlined is the ideal one, and with ordinary dispositions and temperaments such an arrangement ought and could be carried out. We, on the other hand, we sometimes come across such peculiar temperaments that

no arrangement can be found fully satisfactory. We all need infinite tact and wisdom, however, to meet the problems on the foreign field. May our Heavenly Father rule and overrule until the work shall be carried on according to His will.

I feel that I have gained much this year in coming into closer touch with my Board and with the young people who support me, and I feel that it will mean much to the work in the future.

Thank you for informing me of the party to sail Aug. 17th. It would be pleasant indeed to wait and go with them, but I feel that it is important for me to go earlier in order to be in Erzroum

before the opening of the school in September. So I am holding to my first plan of sailing July 14th or as I see by a letter but just now rec'd from Mr. Higgin the date of sailing Lac Deu Port joined to the 17th.

I am glad to learn that I shall have Mrs. Underwood's mother, Mrs. Judson, as a travelling companion all the way to Erzroum. I had somewhat dreaded the long journey alone.

Would it be best for me to come to Boston before sailing? Do you wish to talk over the work or the situation at Erzroum? If not I shall go directly to New York in time for sailing.

I hope that the right one for the school in Bergroom may be found before long.

Most sincerely yours,
Ruth M. Brownell.

East Leroy.
Michigan.
R. F. D. #1.

Ruth M. Bushnell

E. Leroy - Mich - June 28 - 1906.

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Erzroom, Turkey.
Sept. 2, 1907.

Rev. James L. Barton,
14 Beacon St.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

We are glad to hear that you are back in Boston again after your trip to the Far East. For we feel that, with you in your office in the Congregational House, we have "a friend at court."

We are greatly in need of reinforcements here in Erzroom. The return of the Stapletons to the Homeland last Spring, has left our circle very much depleted. Dr. Underwood is greatly overburdened with the book keeping, the school.

and all the other work in addition to his medical work, much to the detriment of the latter.

Mrs. Underwood is not at all well and strong, and now with her young baby in addition to her two other little ones, will have her hands full at home. That leaves only one to look after all the outside Korean work, in addition to the school work, which latter has always been more than enough for two persons.

It is nearly two years since Miss Lord sent in her resignation, and we hoped, at that time that one would be found in time to come back with us last fall. But still there is no news of one to fill the vacancy here, altho we read of many new missionaries appointed to other places.

Will you please use your influence

Dr. Barton, towards Laring at least one lady teacher sent out this Fall? We feel that we can not get along with less than that this Winter. It has been months since I have heard from the F. B. M. S., and I fear sometimes that they have forgotten our existence!!

With sincere greetings, and hoping to hear soon that reinforcements are on the way to us, I remain

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth M. Bushnell

Erzroom Turkey Sept. 2 1907.

Rec'd APR 11 1908

Private.

Erzroom, Turkey.
March 21, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
14 Beacon St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have just heard to-day, in an indirect way, that Miss Foote is to be sent back to Erzroom this fall when the Stapletons return, and so it seems necessary to inform you of some things which I would rather not be obliged to speak about. I had understood from your letters two or three years ago that Miss Foote would not be returned to Erzroom and so I had not thought it necessary to write before about the matter. When the vote was started last year for her return I did not vote for it for the following reasons. She has a great facility for

stirring up trouble in a station. Before she came here, we all worked together harmoniously, and she was the cause of most of the discord and trouble here. But I would overlook that, if it were not for a more serious matter, which really has a very disastrous effect upon the work here. It is a delicate subject and I hesitate to write about it, but both Mrs. Underwood and I have decided that you ought to know. It is the intimacy which existed between Mr. Stapleton and Miss Foote. Miss Foote roomed here in the Girls' School Building, and Mr. S. was over here in her room a great deal of the time, and the hundred little acts of familiarity between the two are too disgusting to be written about. But it was all so noticable that the natives were all talking about it, and it had a very bad effect upon the

work here. Both Mr. Stapleton and Miss Foole were spoken to regarding the matter, but it had no influence whatever upon their conduct.

As the Stapletons are expected to come back here, it seems to me that it would be wiser to send Miss Foole to some other station. If she came back she would be obliged to room here in the school again, and I feel that I just can not have such things going on here in the school, for it is a dreadful example before the teachers and girls all the time.

Miss Foole has done very good work touring in this field, and I think she might make a very good touring missionary in some other station, but please do not send her back here.

I hesitated a long time before voting for Mr. Stapleton's return, but after a great

deal of thinking and praying about it, it seemed that it would be a good plan to give him another chance, hoping that some good wholesome advice on the part of the Board before he is sent back, would have the desired effect. We are hoping also that some other missionary may be sent with him.

I forgot to mention that I have told Miss Dingale substantially what I have written you about Miss Foote, so the W. B. M. I. knows how I feel about the matter.

We are feeling greatly depressed by the heart breaking accounts of suffering which are continually coming to us from our out stations. It is reported that some have already died from starvation, and many more are on the point of death. A little relief money has come, but it does not go far among

so many suffering ones.
With almost all food supplies about twice their usual price, it is going to be a task to run our schools through the year without debt. I am planning every possible way to keep the expenses down in the Girls' school and if I can end the year without debt I shall be very happy.
Is there no one in view yet to help me? With all the school work and responsibility, and the outside religious work, and the lace work among the women, my strength and courage almost fail me at times. But if I can have the assurance that some one will surely be sent this Summer, it will give me new courage to go forward. The loneliness is almost harder at times than the work.
May the one who is sent out be just

the right one for the place, so that together we may be able to accomplish much for the Master here!

With most cordial greetings, I remain,

Most sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Bushnell.

Ruth W. Bushnell

Erzroom - Turkey Mar. 21 - 1908.

Private

Miss Ruth M. Bushnell
Erzroom, Turkey.

Sept. 2. 1908.

REC'D SEP 25 190
ANS'D

Mr. Frank H. Wiggin.
Congregational House.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wiggin,

I find that I have not sent you yet the estimates for the coming year as I thought I had done, and so I send them with this brief note to-day. They were submitted to the Finance Com. at the Annual Meeting in Harpoot and approved by them, but owing to oversights got left out when the other estimates were sent on. Please pardon the delay.

Very sincerely yours,
Ruth M. Bushnell.

Sept 2, 19

Rev Charles H Daniels:—

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Dear Brother:— (E. F. Carey June 7-1901)

All the ceremonies are over. And I am very thankful. It has been quite a strain. Let me thank you cordially for the kind words, and nice words you addressed to us at the ordination. Bennett and I will not disappoint your hopes for us.

I am going to rest here for a week, then go to Lagrange for a month. Miss Simons has been here at school for the past year. I am almost surprised at her enthusiasm over our future life work. What a reënforcement it is when two have the same ideal!

Will you please hand to the treasurer the enclosed slip. And before long I shall decide upon our route, and write to you about it, or to whatever secretary is to give me in charge.

With cordial good wishes.

Edward F. Carey.
509 Thompson St.
Ann Arbor
Mich.

After June 20 at
Lagrange
Ills.

Mr. Edward F. Carey

Ann Arbor, Mich

Rec'd June 18. 1901

Rev. E. T. Ewing
Harpoot, Nov. 12, 1901.

My dear Dr. Daniels; Rec'd Dec. 10.

I have the honor to report myself at my post. We have been long and weary way, are tired, but cheerful, and eager to go to work. Lessons in Armenian began even before we reached here; I shall begin teaching in the college next Monday.

I have enjoyed visiting the other missions. The work at Constantinople is damaged by a worldly and careless and commercial spirit of the people, and the age and scarcity of the missionaries. At Angora Pastor Adian is doing a foundation work. At Caesarea we were astonished at the grand plant in operation, delighted by the characters of the missionaries, and the harmony - family feeling shown. That hospital is a monument, a living testimony. At Sivas we were not so pleased. Things seem ragged.

Now we are in our own station! And we are delighted with the opportunity, the eagerness of the people to understand the Bible, and their cordiality in receiving us. And I shall be so glad when my tongue is loosed and I can preach to the dozens of waiting villages. To think of it — four men came yesterday about a days journey, and begged us for a teacher; offered money, too. Opportunity!

But for many months we are to be infants. The people here talk with their throats, and we can gurgle well yet. We are staying with our saintly father, Dr. Parsons. Everyone is kind to us. I wish Dr Barton could know how glad I am we told me to come here.

My wife's teacher has just gone, mine is coming. I wish you good health and enthusiasm. My statistical regards to Mr Wiggin will be duly sent soon.

Cordially

Edward F. Carey

AUG 26 1902
OCT 6 1902

July 25, 1902, Harpoot, Turkey.

Dear Brother Barton:-

Let me thank you most heartily for the letter from you which I have just received. It is full of interest in our situation here, and I am encouraged to answer you at some length. I have not written before largely in consequence of a sarcastic remark of an old missionary, that "there was nothing the Board dreaded more than the green opinions of its new missionaries." But relying upon your cheering letter, I am going to have a glorious time unburdening myself.

Our journey here was full of delights and bites. We arrived upon Zion amid parev-waving crowds, Nov. 9. Monday we paid our traveling bills and started the study of Armenian. A week later I started teaching, and have had from two to five classes ever since. About my first impression was of the piosity of the atmosphere. Everybody was talking about God. There were prayermeetings so often that I wondered if the people did anything else. The brethren were so fervent! I was certain at the end of the first month that I had been deceived. There was no need here for my weak faith, for my hesitating prayers. But Mr Knapp and Mr Browne and a few painful experiences opened my eyes to the hollowness, the emotionalism, the open insincerity of many of the pious ones. I have sometimes wondered if this was wholly the fault of their natures, or if some blame could not be attached to their leaders, perhaps even the missionaries. That they have insisted more upon faith than upon works, more upon the religion of the prayermeeting than upon the religion of the market. Both my father and one of my

9. Missionaries have arbitrarily selected a useless and ignorant theological class, without consulting the lord bodvilles." After bearing wrong after wrong, this is the last straw, and it breaks our backs. If you will call it only a training class, all right, but if you intend t make bodvilles our of those lowdown ignorant brethren, we will refuse to ordain or receive them. 10. Can't you missionaries write to America and immediately get 10000 pounds to instantly rebuild all our poor churches: is it not your lack of love for the churches that prevents your doing so? Or at least should you not have retained 10000 of the 80000 pounds relief money, and given it to the immediate rebuilding of the churches?

I shall not inflict you with such a long and personal letter again.

We are getting ready to keep house: Mrs Carey is showing herself to be as efficient as was to be expected. The extra $150 supply money, very wisely retained, comes to hand most conveniently. We are to have the middle of the triple house, with Aunt Hattie Seymour, between the Brownies & the Knapps. We have six rooms - just enough.

Mrs Carey sends her regards.

With prayers for God's blessing upon you & your work,

Yours cordially

Edward Jo Carey.

theological professors used to say that they would rather see a man have honesty than religious emotion. It used to occur to me sometimes that if a smaller number of meetings were held, the impression might be greater. I was struck by the vast plant and machinery here. I was often encouraged to see the careful and sustained religious enthusiasm of the missionaries here. I sometimes questioned if they did not work too much for the people. If their standards of religious tension, week in and week out strain were not too high. It's all right to be a star to the people, but one must come down first where they can hitch their waggon on. No alloyance is made for the ebb and flow of attention and sentiment. Of course in the schools, the high pitch is more eaisily kept up, - by compulsion. A large number of prayermeetings, plenty of Bible lessons, and yards and yards of khrad and hortatory sermons, all put upon them with the hope that they will take in a little at least, and it will do them good. I used to think it was like a hot house, where the plants have nothing to do but be warmed and watered and quickened from the outside. From the girls school Miss Daniels sent in an annual report from which one might almost gather that the girls were quite saintly enough for immediate translation. Some prayed so much that they forgot to study. In the boys school classes were even drowned that the time might be filled with meetings. So far as I know, not a boy objected. Repeatedly they came to me to take hold of the Christian Endeavor society in the College. Finally Dr. Barnum asked me to run it,

should, but also hear the objections incidentally raised at the meetin as though you were there your self, I took down their protests. Some of them were spoken in some heat, but on the whole the natives, while acting as though they had suffered great personal wrong for which the missionaries, among whom they frequently mentioned grand old Dr Wheeler, were wickedly responsible, showed a reasonable desire to know and help in the work. Protests. 1. There are 70 churches and only 12 preachers: only 60 pounds a year are given for the field. Bible women, teachers, and unordained preachers realy do not count, and are useless. 2. The poor status of the ministry(SALARY.) is the cause of the present lack of candidates for the ministry. After Mr Browne ask then they agreed that they did not enough personally urge their young men to study theology. 3. Reports to the Board are too flattering and hopeful; Americans are ignorant of the gloomy condition here. 4. The Board's encouragement (MONEY) was too early cut off. Mr Wheeler'rs policy was too severe. 5. Armenians know Armenian churches better than foreigners can. 6. Missionaries use their influence to keep salaries down; don't want bodvilles to prosper. 7. Missionaries have no right to fix salaries of bodvilles and teachers. Well, asked Mr Browne, when we give the money have we no right to say how and where it shall be given? No, Asadoor replied, both receivers and givers are the ones to say and decide. 8. Missionaries change pastorates at will.

and was quite hurt by my refusal. "Running things is just what is ruining things here", I said. I was very certain that forever receiving advice and direction would never teach or save the boys. They must learn by trying, by falling, if necessary. They must have leadership from among their own number, they must endeavor, they must by experience learn to think for themselves, they must learn the meaning of duty, responsibility and life-giving work by working out their duty under pressure of real responsibility. One can't learn to swim out of water.

I had scarcely been here a week before I met Ezekiel. Now perhaps you don't remember him. He remembers you. "Liberal minded man, he was", he used often to say, with an inflection in his tone which would seem to imply that you were the only liberal minded missionary he had ever known. Well, he cultivated me. He introduced me into the byways of the rug-market; he translated for me when in the market I tried to explain the unity of the Christian's God to a turkish moulah. I was with him nearly every day. We had many friendly discussions in which I tried to draw him from certain vicious Unitarian I-do-not-believes. Gradually his aim with me appeared. Behold, I was young and green---the churches had long suffered the tyranny of the missionaries--he would gain my sympathy for the bleeding cause, show me the errors of the criminal policy of the Board's repre-sentatives, and indeed get

criticism. They took it in with surprizing sense and understanding. I am not extreme in the matter, and three weeks minute study of the early books convinced then of the reasonableness of the new hypotheses. So now they are learning of the gradual growth of Israel, the unfolding revelation of God, and the lessons of history as they never could have done otherwise.

Last week we received a letter from several principal bodvilles. It set forth their wrongs in wonderful long words and sentences. We agreed that it demanded a mutual meeting. So we all came together Monday A.M. at 9:30. After greetings, DR Barnum read 1John 2, we sang Yeghpeir yenk menk. There were several prayers about brotherhood and loving service in fellowship. Then Mr Browne took their letter, and read it over, remarking upon some of the things in which the good bodvilles had been mistaken. It was most ly in matters of figures. Now hereafter they will be kept better informed of the real truth, and understand the work here better, even if their are not given some responsible share in it, by cooperation. Thinking of you, and of how glad you would be to not only see the letter itself, as was voted you

me to urge the Board itself to change its men and methods all through Turkey. "Why", he once exclaimed, "the Board has practically abandoned the feild here already, and our brethren are writing to England that, stripped by the Turks, starved by the Board, in England alone have they any hope." Many were the complaints he confided to me. The lie is commonly believed about here that "the missionaries give nearly twice as much for the keep of their horses as they do for the support of their pastors and teachers." "They are raising a great crowd of boys and girls in orphanages, making stuck up prigs of them, teaching them useless sciences and a la franc manners against all Armenian custom and tradition, and never consulting the nation affected as to the best methods to be employed, the proper heirigs or meirigs to be employed, etc.etc.. "The people have no voice in the controll of the school to which they pay in tuition; they should select the teachers, adjust the salaries, make out the course of study." "The college is a hot-bed of heresy and pride." My last dealing with him was on a Sunday when I spoke, with him to translate for me, to the Gregorians of this city, upon my impressions of Armenians. He has scarcely spoken to me since,- cuts me dead. A week after that he gave a lecture before those same Grego-

I cannot learn the cause of his conduct.

my becoming a missionary and coming to Harpoot. Already I have thanked the Lord for the part you had in the matter: perhaps someday the mission will be thankful too. My period of discouragement is about passed. I can jabber away in the language, I have a recognized department in the school and mission work, I have made some friends among the people, and am beginning to enjoy because I am busy. I do take great comfort out of the training class. In theological and biblical work I am in my element. I love to study and teach the ways and words of God. Our class is composed of nine young men, all of whom have seen some service. At first they thought they knew it all: the second week they were convinced that they didn't know anything, but at the end of the third week they had some hope that by dilligent study they could learn great and useful truths. They are so eager, so receptive, and fairly bright. I think Mr Browne and Mr Knapp are as delighted to teach and lead them as I am. I give them elocution, singing, and O.T. history. Mr Browne gives them the living Christ as seen in the Gospels. Mr Knapp has taken up church history. Our classes are from 8 A.M. to 11:30. I have explained something to them of the higher

rians upon the damage to the country the missionaries had done. The sensible people there had a meeting afterwards denouncing him as a traiter with two tongues. Thus ended the first lesson.

My second Sunday Mr. Knapp took me on my first "tour", as the other missionaries flatteringly called it... it was actually as far distant as Perchenji. It was all so enjoyable because the congregation seemed to listen so eagerly, that I determined to go often. So I went to most of the plain out-stations. Mr Knapp and I had much delight in this sort of thing; we preached in about twenty places. We would get out early in the morning, advertise ourselves in the village, get up a big meeting at noon, I speak and sing, and he pray and preach with great fervor. Our special joy was at places where there was no regular helper. Thus I gained impressions of the people, and the bodvilles and teachers. The people show great possibilities, bright minds, unquenchable desire for religion and education; poverty everywhere except in Mezrah, some whining discouragement, some fearful longing for America...aha, Meiéru. The teachers I am very well pleased with, and they are a power for good on a small salary. The bodvilles have not in

pressed me so favorably. They live better than ninty nine hundredths of their congregations yet are always complaining of their small salaries. They are very fond of the first seats of honor at hantesses and feasts. Honest and progressive study, modesty of bearing, che ga. Of course they lead their communities. Most of their sermons that I have heard are the most formal repetitions of dead theology a hungry soul ever went to sleep under. And such a droning delivery... Mr Brownd's ways with them I think are admirable. At first I thought him a little severe, but I understand better now.

I see great possibilities here in the orphanage work. And if you had hunted a long time you could not have found a better manager than Mr Knapp. He is as full of new ideas and practical plans as he is of energy and tact.

The station meetings here are great training for me. To have so many phases of the work discussed, to see all sides of it, is to gro into it with love and enthusiasm. There is more conversation than pe linentary practice, perhaps, and again, I have sometimes thought the it would be better for those missionaries immediately concerned to a range some details before presenting them to the whole body, so as to save time, but then, perhaps that is a method for complex organisms. The spirit of unity here, the almost absolute lack of personal jealousy or dislike, makes a oneness and affection rarely to be seen.

I must say that the year of inaction to which the new missionary is condemned, is about the most cruel test of character I can imagine. I have felt so useless and ashamed of myself, I have had some seve self questionings as to the value of the work and the field here, any amount of discouragement... it has been a time of great searching of heart. I fear I sometimes hurt dear old DR. Barnum by some of my early criticisms. But I was very discontented, and things seemed so strange, and many of the methods so out of date. You had told me of the hunger of the people here, of their great need, of how much good one could do here.... and behold, I ~~have~~ spent six months getting a tongue and EXPERIENCE... and have been of service to no one. After years of education I come seven thousand miles to be an apprentice and errand boy. But why should I tell you my early disappointments? Perhaps you went through somewhat the same mill yourself, or read the letters of many others who have done so. I have been bold to speak so strongly because you were my revered friend, and upon you hangs the responsibility of

Rev. Edward A. Parker
Harpoot, Turkey
To Dr. Barton
Feb 25, 1902

Jan 20 - 1903

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My dear Bro. Atwood:—

I made a couple of calls in the lower part of the city yesterday. The alleys, meant for streets, are about 12 feet wide, the snow shoveled from the flat mud roofs made it about 3 ft. to 15 ft. deep. Some places I could almost step on the snow banks from the alley to the flat roof. I went into the house of our wash woman. It is rather better than many in that quarter. She has two rooms, a sort of dugout set into the hill, and made almost entirely of mud: walls, floor, etc. There was only one article of furniture in the room where they eat, sleep and live, and that was a "kursi." A little frame supports the only quilt they have, and under the frame a small pot of coals is placed, then the family gather around and put their feet under the quilt, the rest of the body being out in the freezing room. In one corner of the room was a stack of weeds, gathered during the summer, to be the winter's supply of firewood. I sat on the floor by the kursi, and learned the situation of the family. The widow, her three boys, and the kursi live in that one room. The oldest boy of 16 is 'prenticed to a blacksmith and gets $3.50 a year till he is 21. The middle boy is a deaf mute, likewise 'prenticed to a paper cutter. The little boy is sent to school by one of the missionaries. Total expense for the family for a year, about $28; total income, perhaps $30. On the mud wall, damp and crumbling, at one corner of the room, was *one* picture, and how it did light up that clean dirt hole! Do you see where some of those pictures are going, which your church has so kindly sent?

I went to another house that same morning, that of our servant girl. We pay her 69 cents a week, which is certainly more than twice as much as anyone else in the city would give her. (A man's wage here is 12 to 15 cents a day, and hundreds cannot find work at that figure.) Well, at her house, that is in one room, for they have no more, live the widowed mother and her three daughters. The two little ones go to the mission school. Before the Armenian massacres the head of that family was an enlightened priest, but father and all were lost at that awful time. A woman in this country has almost no way of earning a living open to her. On the walls of their room were hung with great care some colored supplements of the Chicago Tribune, which my father sent me, and we gave to this family. So you see how much needed are those very pictures which are on the way from your people.

Now for your questions, which I am very glad to answer, and hope will help you. Mrs. Carey and I are doing several things. Her principal job is that of keeping house in a new country to which she is unaccustomed: mine is teaching in the College. For the benefit of the ladies, let me enumerate some of the methods wives of this country must employ. We have almost no stores here. So we must keep our own store. We got a quarter of beef a while ago, and yours truly cut it up for Mrs. Carey to cook. For ice we have a sort of preserved snow. For fuel we have very poor and expencive wood, sold by the pound. That beef is a special treat. Usually we have mutton, mutton, mutton, until a missionary once said he did not know whether to baa or to bleat. There are a good many vegetables during the summer, and these are hung by the foreseeing housewife in the sun to dry. So now we eat egg-plant, squash, beans, etc, and also there are dried apples and peaches. We have potatoes, cabbages and beets in our store. But the staple of this country is cracked wheat. We have it cracked small and cracked coarse, cracked medium and cracked cracked. We have it for breakfast, for lunch, and for dinner. As an alternative, we do have rice sometimes. Come to dinner tomorrow, will you? We'll have some mutton and cracked wheat!

Besides being her own dress maker, storekeeper, milliner, and house-keeper, Mrs. Carey has a class over in the girl's college, is manager of the Junior C. E. of the girls' grade school, and helps direct the prayer and social circle (15 members) in another quarter of this city of 20,000. Such a time as she does have, trying to keep some of those ignorant women from internal strife, keeping them busy sewing for the poor, etc. Of course Mrs. Carey is out here to be my wife, and not to earn my salary, but these missionary wives will get into the work!

And I am a school teacher. I have about 75 boys to teach in English, History of Israel, Paul's letters, History of the Middle Ages, and music. I confess that I do not like to teach subjects outside of a religious line, but since I must, I try to stuff them full of morals as of facts.

Before I came, the violin was regarded as an instrument fit only to be heard at the low lascivious Turkish dances. One preacher would not believe that it would play hymns until I proved it to him. Now we are to have an orchestra of 14 pieces. The people need social elevation, politeness, taste, as well as sermons on the Holy Ghost. The pioneer missionaries here could go around with open Bible, preach in the houses, talk in the group of little shops in the center of town, called the "market," and do such evangelization. But the work cut out for this third generation of us is different. We must train the growing church. They scarcely know what a "social" is, here. I hope to be able to show them. They have very poor music. There is no mingling of the sexes, a real Mohammedan custom. There is a knowledge of the Gospel without a good working use of it. There is emotion without morality.

It is not the work of a year, to correct all this, and start them on the right working method, but of a lifetime. The missionary must be a social developer of an ignorant, proud people, little accustomed to self control or organization or co-operation or social graces. The other day I went 12 miles horseback to Hailu. There I found a revival in progress, under a native evangelist. I preached with all my might upon making that emotion bear fruit, upon the increased church membership, respect among their neighbors, morality and honesty that should result from their increased fervor. I go out to the different villages, of which there are about 50 in the plain before me as I write, almost every Sunday. My preaching message is usually the companionship of the spirit of Christ, the imitation of the man Jesus, and sonship of the Father.

The clothes we wear are not very different from those you use. The commonest men wear shirt and skirt, but trousers are widely used, so the missionaries have retained their American clothes. I have also adopted the custom here, of wearing a goatskin slipper in the street, and heavy woolen socks, without shoes, in the house. The streets are awful here in the winter, and one must take off his shoes upon entering the house.

The future of this people is that of a people for a thousand years oppressed, robbed, and murdered because of their religion, but from that discipline learning a stronger love for the Bible, a greater cunning in gaining a living and safety, and a greater determination to succeed in this world and the next. They have great capacity but poor circumstances, brightness and quickness, but little application or perseverance in study, except when they have come at the age of sixteen or so to look ahead and consider what they are to live for. The Armenians are something like Americans, you see. Among the Turks and Kurds, the government does not permit us to work. But we pray for the day when those people also shall be reached by the Gospel. They are living all around us. We say a word when we dare. But it is the steadily noble lives of the missionaries themselves that preach to them, louder than lip-spoken words.

The work to which I look forward with greatest hope, is that of a theological seminary here. We tried a short-cut course last Summer, of five months, and sent out nine young men to the empty pulpits, to reap a great blessing, we hope. But we want a regular class, of college graduates. There are 37 churches in this field, and only half a dozen active ordained men. People are buried without the comfort of a minister. Now there is a work to rejoice the heart of your friend. To teach in a seminary * * * * of course I am not worthy or well enough educated, but God is great. I shall probably have the department of the Old Testament. I will bless Professor Moore every day! I shall be glad to write you full particulars when it is started. We must put up a building; money and Governmental permission are already obtained.

No, I have not mastered the language, and never shall, but I talk and preach in it. I still take lessons, of course, and am starting Turkish, now, that I may talk to Turks as well as to Armenians. We may have a little garden next year. We have two horses. They are cheap here, but they are only for saddle. Mine is a wild little pony. That of Mrs. Carey is a stately Arab.

I may be allowed by the prudential committee to put up a house for summer use out of town at our Garden, as we call a place of some 15 acres a mile from town and its deadly odors, and where the missionaries stay during the awful hot season. The station was for nearly 40 years without a doctor, and children died in a row. At last the funds of the Board allow them to send a doctor here. He arrived last spring, name Atkinson, character hearty good fellow. That makes three young men in the station, and I shall not have much time to be lonesome.

Mail goes to Constantinople where it is looked over, for fear that we should receive bad news from home; then it goes to Angora, Caesarea, Sivas, Harpoot, Diarbekir, Bagdad. It takes about two weeks from here to Constantinople, and then about two weeks to New York. We receive mail once a week, ordinarily, but often late.

This mission station has made material progress in the past year in the shape of a great building for the orphans, where they can do their eating and much of their working. The house was put up honestly. You know that in this country governmental permission must be obtained to put up anything, and the difficulty of getting a "firman" for a school or factory is often insurmountable,—perhaps the Turks are afraid of progress! To get the necessary permission, missionaries often have to resort to strange expedients. For example, a native is secretly given the promise that if he will put up such and such a building for a residence, the missionary will afterwards buy it to use for his school: the law says nothing whatever about the use a building shall be put to after it is once up. The Armenian church near us here is completed all but the roof. The government stepped in the last moment, even after it had once given full permission, and told the people that if they did not receive another bribe, they could not let the building proceed. Therefore they still worship there without a roof.

There is a church at Malatia built according to a strange law. "What goes up in a night may remain." So the good brethren got together all their materials, and rushed through a house of worship from sunset to dawn. At Aintab the government would not give permission, so the missionaries built a large wall, brought in lumber, food, and laborers, and completed their house inside the wall. If in the two months they worked there, any man had put so much as his hand over the wall, he would have been arrested by the Turkish guard constantly watching outside; but as long as everyone stayed inside, they were safe. At Caesarea Dr. Dodd wished to erect a hospital. The bill of permission which he finally managed to receive allowed the excellent Doctor to put up a stable for his horse. But it was not mentioned in the bill that the kind of quadruped understood by the description was that peculiar breed known as a CLOTHES HORSE! The government made plenty of trouble for the building here, but when they found that the missionaries meant honest business and no bribes, they finally gave in.

Well, I'm spinning on at a great rate. The mail is stuck at the Euphrates river, so I don't know when you'll receive this. Thank you more than you can know for the prayers and kind thoughts you have for us. We need them. And God bless you all. Mrs. Carey's regards go with this,

Faithfully yours,

Edward F. Carey.

Harpoot, Turkey, Jan 20, '03.

Geo. V. Carey
Harpoot, Jan. 20, 1903

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Rec'd APR 7 1903

Harpoot, March, 11, 1903.

James L. Barton, D.D, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:-

It is my unwelcome duty to inform you that that which has long bee feared must now come to pass. The health of Mr. Browne is failing. Pain long bravely endured will compel him, in the course of a few months, probably, to leave the scene of his faithful labors during a period of nearly thirty years. It is not for us to try to express the loss his departure will be to this field, or even our personal feeling in the matter. His going is imperative; his return is improbable. Therefore, on behalf of this needy field, and in the name of the Harpoot station, you are asked to urge the Prudential Committee to provide immediately another man. We need not urge this matter upon you. You have been here. You know and feel the need of Harpoot. You will press this matter as you alone can.

E. J. Carey
Clerk of Harpoot Station.

Harpoot, Mar. 11, 1903

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Rec'd JUN 1 1903

Harpoot, May 6, 1903 Ans'd JUL 16 1903

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston,

Dear Sir:-

We are indebted to you for the favor of Oct. 9th. A bitter spiritual trial, a subsequent burial in work to bring forgetfulness, a consequent illness, and a long and dangerous sickness of Mrs Carey have filled up time to the exclusion of correspondence. But your note of April 3rd encourages me to rise a little earlier in the morning, and attempt at least a piece meal letter to you.

In these long months several new and important changes have taken place. Mr Knapp and Baron Melcon have put up a strong and extensive building for the orphans. The permission for it to be used as a factory(!) has not yet been obtained, but a large part of it is already utilized for a store, carpenter shops, residence for the excellent new overseer, Bodville Hagop, and two dining rooms. This central eating place is not specially favored by some of the heirigs. Under the loose old plan they feasted themselves and their friends, and lived like hodjabashis. But the new method has the advantage of economy,- saving of fuel, wood, and service,amounting to over 200. liras a year,-and of bringing the children together so that many new friendships and better social manners have been formed.

The college has found a new president. The will of God in the choice has been quite evident. Mr Riggs has from the first shown himself to be strong and judicious, as well as hearty and manly,

has already made many friends, and given promise of satisfying all our hopes. He is ambitious to raise the standard of the school, but seems to be wise and cautious in financial matters. He had scarcely been here a month before he was holding religious meetings in his room for the college boys, and his spiritual influence has been growing and good from the first. According to the wise desire of the trustees, he is already visiting,- judging from the results in quarrels settled, funds straightened out, and church revival, we might say touring,- the out-stations, to learn the character of his f field. This summer he will probably go tb the annual meeting at Van, seeing much of the E. T. M. on the trip.

In the place of Mr. Browne, who acts like a lion chained at home by a broken paw, Mr Knapp, assisted by Miss Emma Barnum, has been touring, doing the Palu and Diarbekr circuits. Mr Knapp has shown in his influence upon the communities the same business-like energy, practical judgment, and sensible spirituality that he is known for here, by those who know him well enough to appreciate him.

But in the matter of cooperation with the so-called committee of the Union, there has been little change. They could not persuade us to pay Board money to good childish old Yeshilian, or Sayce Hagop, or to raise the salary of one of their own number by nine hundred piasters, or to divide the field into dioceses, let the bodvilles of the centers appoint local helpers and govern their

parishes, churches and schools, the salaries of the bishops thus made to be raised by Board money to a sum commensurate with their dignity and position. Grand revival of the unfittest, return to Gregorianism, ranks of workers crowded because of the excellent financial and influential status of the bodvillian profession! What can we do with these men, or they with us,- for we would be glad to be corrected if that is necessary.... The only course which seems to be open is to have a series of religious meetings with them, and to unite on spiritual lines, leaving the question of policy in the background. New blood and a new spirit must be brought in here. There must be friendship and cooperation as soon as possible.

Dr. Atkinson has at last returned. He and his wife seem to have acquired a working knowledge of Turkish, and to have been filled with religious enthusiasm and ambition by their stay in Aintab. They will now go into the work here with a will. But we are very glad, personally, also, that they have come back. My own sickness during the winter was nothing more than a case of grippe, aggravated in to a very serious matter by my refusal at first to leave my half a dozen classes and go to bed. But the illness from which Mrs Carey still suffers, often with great pain, seems to be a bad inflamation of the right ovary, and it will require weeks of patient and wise care to conquer it. She has been in bed nnow for over a month. But we have great confidence in the medical skill of our Dr. Atkinson, and no longer fear for the final result.

The amount of my teaching this winter has been sometimes a little in access of my physical energy. In the case of History of the Middle Age the subject was almost entirely new to me, and in such a case one has to hustle to keep a "bone ahead of his class", as a man once remarked of an ignorant teacher of anatomy. I fear some little stir was raised by my lecture upon Evolution, a while ago. The people here persist in confounding that theory with Materialism, and asserting that because it may change the interpretation and emphasis of the first and second of Genesis, that therefore God, Christ, the Bible and immortality are rendered useless or non-existent. Having stated in the lecture only the theory and its scientific proof, I was compelled for weeks afterward to discuss its theological implications; bodvilles especially being hard to convince without offence. In science, theology and biblical criticism, these people seem to be about fifty behind the progress of some other parts of the world. The first is of course not my business. In my theological views I fear that at first I offended some by speaking of the humanity of Christ and of imitating his character. It was said that I did not believe in the blood atonement, I was called a Unitarian. Possibly that trouble is about over now, for as soon as I learned that my preaching was by some considered harmful, I hastened to explain and qualify so that people would not misunderstand, to show the biblical basis of my beliefs, and to lay more stress upon Christ's Godhood and the value of his self-sacrifice and death. Concerning biblical criticism I have endeavored from the first to answer those outside the school only such questions as they asked, and before my classes to take as conservative a position as possible, and in all cases show both sides and the reasons for them.

In college, for religious studies, I have been teaching Old Testament History, Corinthians, and Christian Evidences. I enjoy

these lessons very much,- such studies are my delight. The senior class is not quite the equal of the one of last year, and some of the juniors are perhaps a trifle careless of spiritual things,- result maybe of religious indigestion,- but they respond well to the manly and the sensible, and leading them in such important studies is a wonderful responsibility. I cannot feel that they are old enough or well enough developed to receive the kind of specific teaching of biblical specialities I should like to give them, but then, perhaps I am not well enough developed either. I feel in all this that it is the spiritual character of the teacher that is of real influence and importance, and in religious experience I am still very young.

And now the station training class is back again, six honest simple and eager christian men. And I am so happy to have the privilege of helping them a little. Last year I gave them the Hexateuch and John's Gospel; this year I hope to give them lessons in Ps. and Romans, and a brief course in Theology. Mr Knapp gives the history of the Reformation, and Mr Browne continues his studies in the life of Christ. Possibly Mr Riggs may find time later to give a short course in the life of Paul.

Mr Barton, Your kind words in your last letter permit me to speak plainly to you about the use of my life. It will not be a very long life, perhaps; I fear it will not be a very signally useful one, but I pray God may use it to its fullest extent. And very slowly the department in which that service may be given has become more clear. Before I met you, I never expected to be a missionary. I made a specialty of Philosophy in the University, and of Biblical Theology in the Seminary, and expected to go to Germany and prepare to be ultimately a teacher of New Testament Theology. But when you set before me the claims and opportunities of missions, I saw a door open to larger service than I had before seen, and gladly accepted it

as God's leading. And behold, the career as a theological teacher upon which I turned my back in minister-burdened Mass. is to be opened in this land, so miserably in need of christian workers! The opportunity of a seminary in Turkey, is, as you say, incomparably greater than in New England. The question of a seminary at Harpoot has been talked over here quite thoroughly. Not with the result I at first expected. I though with you that the place for such an institution should be at this center. So thought Mr Barnum and Mr Browne, at first. Mr Riggs said that while he should enjoy such work he shoul not be able to give much if any attention to it. Mr Knapp came out square against having the seminary here. Probably you have before you a copy of the letter sent from here to the F. T. M. stations. The going of Mr Browne is an argument, the weight of which can only be understood by those who have seen his wonderful influence in this field. Both Mr Barnum and Mr Riggs seem convinced that the wiser course would be for this station to send every other year a few picked men to either Marsovan or Marash. So also the letters from other stations say. This field needs laborers, but has no right to tie up three missionaries, to invest building funds, to get a library, for the half dozen men who could be graduated here every two or three years. They can more easily be sent to the already established seminaries.

So there I am, Mr Barton. Feeling a special calling towards teaching in a seminary, it still seems at least impractibal to set up a seminary here. Since I cannot follow my bent here, it naturally occurred to me that I might be transferred to one of the established seminaries. I consulted with Mr Knapp and Mr Riggs about it, and they thought that such an arrangement might well be made. A change in language would be no great objection. I should prefer Marash, if I were allowed to express a preferance. Because it seems to me that

a man is needed there rather than at Marsovan. But you know best about that. I would not expect to step right into full teaching power in any place, of course. I should be very glad to be anybody's apprentice for several years, only I would like to be learning the profession for which I feel such a love and longing.

I do not know what you will think of this. You might consult with Profs. Smyth and Hincks if you care to do so,- I have written nothing to them. I have spoken to you very frankly, perhaps more so than my position warrants. But you are not simply the friend of these missions, you are my friend and responsible adviser as well, and I hope you will answer plainly what you think of this matter.

Mr Riggs and Miss Bush bag and baggage, have just arrived from Chuncush, happy and hearty. No doubt you will receive full reports of their interesting trip.

Mrs Carey asks to be remembered to you. We hope that you and your family have been well this winter.

With best wishes,

E. F. Carey.

Harpoot, May 6, 1903

Harpoot, July, 23, 1903.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston Mass.,

SEP 9 1903

Dear Sir:-

"We will do our best to get Lt 50.oo toward this roofing for Mezreh chapel, and if the money come not from America, we five men will become personally responsible,- and we will order it on condition that they will pay the other Lt 50.oo when delivered. Barnum, Browne, Knapp, Riggs, Carey. "

So read the minutes of yesterday's meeting. This was not our first decision. At a meeting July 15th we decided, a little hastily, perhaps, that inasmuch as the Mezreh people had made no previous application for help, but had thus at the 12th hour come to us for loo sheets of steel roofing at one lira a roll, i.e. a gift of Lt loo.oo, and inasmuch as our previous gift of Lt 175. has been put into the church after its interest had been used for nearly 12 years to pay parsonage rent, and it was understood by us and we supposed by them that that was all the help that was to be expected, and inasmuch as we had no money appropriated for them even if we should be convinced that they should receive a sum, we could do nothing for them, except send for the roofing if they garranteed the payment of its price upon delivery. But certain visits from Mezreh, and a larger knowledge of the facts in the case convinced most of us that a mistake had been made. We should not reject their plea because of the

unfortunate manner and very late hour of its advocasy. The people of the church itself have given in money and labor about to the extent of their ability, some contributing as high as Lt 75.oo The church is to cost Lt 1200.oo, of which we might give even a fourth and not exceed our duty. It mush be a substantial and worthy building which shall externally stand for Protestantism in so cosmopolitan a place as the center of this vilayet. It is 4o by 3o arshons, foundations of common stone, upper story of burned brick, inside walls and ceiling in plaster and wood, roof, by your grace, of permanent steel. Mezreh is drawing to itself a large number of people from all over the plain; you may stand in one place and count 10 new houses going up. In 5 years it will be a great city, and the brethren there are wisely preparing for the future.

The plea for this money was not put in our appropriations bebause it had not then been applied for. It may be added thereto by you, or you may get the money from your own or Mezreh's friends, or you can leave us to pay it out of our own pockets. It is our decision that they should be helped at least to that extent, i.e. of Lt 50.oo, and it is our hope that the Board can raise the money.

Most respectfully,

E. F. Carey

Clerk.

Harpoon July 23, 1903

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Rec'd NOV 21 1903

Harpoot, Oct.25, 1903.

Ans'd NOV 27 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of Sept. 9, announcing the $350 appropriated for the roof of the Mezreh church. We thank you for your efforts and the liberality of the Prudential Committee. We regret that the roofing will arrive so late, and also that the local government stopped the building because brick was being used instead of kerpich,- the firman said the second or upper part to be made of "dirt" ,-thereby putting back the work about a month, and also we are sorry that bribery seems to have entered into the negotiations.

Let me thank you especially for your long letter of July 16. It is very kind and full of encouragement to me. Mrs Carey thanks you for your interest in her health. After about seven months of being in bed, she can now walk about the room a little, and has very little pain. We wish to express also our gratitude for the careful and skillful attention of Dr. Atkinson.

We were sorely disappointed at the failure of our plans for annual meeting, this year. We hope that next year nothing will be allowed to stand in the way of our coming together. The only vacation we had this year was when Mr Riggs and I went to Geghi. Under the impression that Mr Riggs had sent in a full report of that trip, I have written nothing about it. But there is perhaps little to tell. We were in Pertag on their one weekly market day, and only after some persuasion could we get the people together for a meeting. Six protestant houses give 30 piasters a month, have a school of 35, and have

sent two boys to college. At Pashavank we found one Protestant. Patiently working and scraping along, he has managed to send three children to the college, one of whom is now a teacher here. "And now may they work to the glory of God", he said. He followed us over to the next village, where we found a few members, and had a meeting. The christians of all that region are much oppressed by the Aghas or begs,- soldiers are quartered in the church buildings so that no services can be held in them. At Peri, four hours farther, we found the stone church in good repair, the orphanage in prosperous running order, the bodville held in esteem by both Turks and Christians, and the congregation of nearly 200 awake and responsive. Then we spent two days going through the Charshanjak, or Dersim, full of Kuzzlebash Kurds, wild as animals, without books or laws, simple and hospitable as Father Abraham. We passed through an Armenian village near Mt. Sourp Louis, where there were 100 Armenian houses, and they had scarce ever heard that there was such a thing as protestantism. I tell you there was contented ignorance! At Gegni Kasaba we stopped with Mardig Agha, a beautiful example of the first fruits of the reformed church. The Kaima Kam tried to keep us from preaching,- perhaps he wanted to show his authority,- but we telegraphed for an order from the vilayet center, Erzroom, and preached twice. The old stone church is in pretty good repair, there is not much disagreement between the half dozen ~~armenian~~ Protestant aghas there, the Gregorians are on the friendliest of terms, the people pay nearly 4000 piasters a year, and have a good school. But they have no Bodville! Why don't you send us a preacher! they exclaimed over and over again. It was in vain that we said that

we could not make a man. Well, they said, why didn't you set about that job three years ago? Where is the Seminary? Why, they repeated, our souls are starving, five years without a shepherd! At Temran we found a new stone church, an energetic Bodville, a dying Gregorianism, a sensible village congregation. Their village school and parsonage, which had neared the completion of the first story, was stopped and partly distroyed by the spite of the aforesaid Kaima Kam. At our last meeting here, therefore, we voted them an additional aid of ten pounds. At Tepe, where we stopped over night on the way back, we found the people ground between the aghas and the government, unable to read or write, with a priest almost as ignorant as they, with no school in the village of over one hundred houses, and the young men we gathered about us for a prayer in the evening(after a thirteen hour day in the saddle) entirely sceptical of the love of God or the value of the bible or Christ's sacrifice. And we had to hurry away the next morning. How sorrowful Jesus must have felt because his time here must be so short, and he could not convince everybody he met of the blessedness of the Kingdom and the world's need!

I am empowered by the station to ask for another man to come here. Let him be a man of great physical strength, and evangelistic zeal for touring in the field, or, let him be a scholarly man to teach station classes. We are not forgetting that men are much more needed at Mardin or perhaps Erzroom, we mean, simply, tosuggest that perhaps you will find a man fitted for Harpoot needs before you find one fitted for any other station. And you can hardly imagine how we miss Mr Brown in our councils. He was a tower of strength and judgement in

our circle. He spoke as one enlightened both by the Spirit and by facts. This training class has received a wonderful inspiration from his lessons this year. We pray God to give him strength of body and to bring him back to us as soon as possible.

We are very sorry that the promised tutor for the college has not yet been found. The time Mr Riggs and I put in teaching Freshman and Sophomore English could be used for a more purely religious work. We are sure that you will make every effort to find a suitable young man as soon as possible.

And now to come to the business about which I think and pray day and night. Whether Harpoot should have a permanent seminary or not, no one can now positively say. But there is no doubt in the minds of Mr Knapp, Mr Riggs or myself, that we should graduate at least one two year course theological class.Now what are the difficulties?

1. Money. Such a school would demand no special building,- the boys could sleep in the college dormitory, and have their own table in the dining room. A recitation room would not be hard to find. But for first equipment we might need $200. and for support of students and current expenses $500. a year might be needed. Of which amount Helperage might make a small contribution, we missionaries could make a little donation, and I have no doubt that the remainder could be found some among the natives here, and the rest in America.

2.Books. If we are to have a class, some up to date and standard books will be necessary. We should decide about what and what number as soon as possible inorder to get them here in time for use.

3. Teachers. Mr Brown is not here, but perhaps he or his substitute

will be here for the second year. The five talent man being gone, shall we one talent gentlemen do the napkin act? Let us go ahead in faith! We cannot turn out a Hartford or a Marash product, but let us do what we can.... The departments of Theological study are these:-

Old Testament,- introduction, canon and text, exegesis, and theology.

New Testament, ditto,

History,- of Israel and the Jews, of the Life of Christ, and of Paul, and the history of the Church;

Homiletics, Pastoral theology, Systematic theology, Elocution.

Now who will take which? Mr Knapp has already had the station training class two years of church history: he ought to give a very good course to our next class. Mr Riggs will be glad to give one, or two (if tutor comes) lessons a day in the New Testament. I shall be glad to teach the progressive revelation of the old dispensation, without letting the boys know any more than is good for them of the so-called Higher Criticism. If Mr Brown does not come back, Mr Knapp may be induced to teach Homiletics, and Mr Riggs to give lessons on the lives of Christ and Paul. Perhaps Mr Barnum could give some lectures on Systematic theology, perhaps Bodville Asadoor could give a few, but in want of some more suitable person, I should be very happy to do what little I could in that department.

4. Students. First catch your hare. There are five boys who would certainly come, I think a class of ten quite possible. They are all college graduates, several very earnest and consecrated, some with three years teaching experience, two or three a little uncertain. All of the ten in my mind are worth training, and half of them will make

really useful pastors.

Terms. Perhaps we had better follow the school terms to some extent, beginning in Sept., having a six weeks vacation for touring and practice at Christmas, a short vacation in April, and a two months rest in the Summer. That will mean eight months school.

And as for Pastoral theology, couldn't the pastors here give some lectures? We missionaries do not know everything. The bodvilles are not lacking in experience. How to fight wine-drinking, The history of the Gregorian and Protestant churches here, Church finances, Putting up a church building, Our relation to neighboring sects,-such topics are alive with interest and usefulness here, and the bodvilles are just the ones to talk about them. And surely we cannot run this institution without the hearty cooperation of the pastors. Here is a movement upon which we can all unite and work together. Perhaps they will not want exactly the same things we will, but we can sacrifice some little things for the sake of harmony and united progress. This present separation is unbearable to us all.

We are going to have a hantess for the training class next Wednesday. The boys have written some essays and we have invited the pastors and the public, and hope to have a good time. What if the Union refuses to be present! I send you a picture of the training class minus one. Perhaps it is worth putting in the Herald,- Mr Brown can give you some facts about the class. If the HERALD would follow the example of other magazines and papers in having more pictures, it might interest and instruct a still larger circle of readers. All of the boys of our class are in great demand in the villages.

Concerning the managing of the Harpoot seminary, if Mr Brown were here there would be no question as to who would be the head of it.

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But as you have so kindly mentioned me in that connection, I shall be glad to give my whole heart and soul to any duties thereby involved. Ought the funds to be administrated by the station treasurer or the treasurer of the college? Should the institution be incorporated as merely a branch of the college? Should we have a board of managers, native and missionary?

Please speak of the seminary class in your letters to the other missionaries, and let Mr Brown advise us, too.

Most cordially

E. F. Cary

Rev. Geo. A. Carey,
Harpoot, Oct. 25, 1903

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Rec'd DEC 28 1903

Harpoot, Dec. 2, 1903.

Ans'd FEB 3 1904

Dr. J. L. Barton, Boston,

Dear Sir:-

I have just finished copying my minutes of the meeting of the Union. I wish you to give the copy to Mr Browne. No doubt many others have informed you of the results of that meeting, but in the hope that these notes may add a little, I am addressing them to you that you may see them also before handing them on.

There were two events which mollified the pastors. 1st our offer of cooperation, and 2nd the hope we expressed of having a seminary class start next Fall. But one or two spoke to me afterwards saying that unless we had a strong teaching force the school would not be respected by first class students. Alas, poor we! But you know Carlyle said, that where there are poor teachers there must be good books. So we hope that you will urge on Mr Davis and any other well disposed persons to help specially in this matter. We must make the first year of this seminary a grand success. We spoke of it to-day in missionary meeting, and all of us are glad to work. We have 60 liras here, left over from last class. We ought to use most of this for books. Please encourage us. There are 8 young men, graduates, ready. There may be more next Fall, if we make a good showing in our announcements. Those should be out by April.

I went to Malatia for a glance while on the way to meet Miss Wilson. She is all right. Malatia is not. NEEDS A PASTOR!

Wrote describing the visit to M. to Mr Brown. Oh, but we want him back here!

Yours, E. F. Careys

Rev. Edward S. Carey
Harpoot, Dec. 12, 1903

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Rec'd JAN 28 1904

Harpoot, Dec. 28,1903. Ans'd FEB 3 1904

Rev. J.L.Barton,D.D., Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

We are doing our best here to think and pray for the Seminary. And as a result some difficulties seem to be clearing the way for more. This letter is not the result of official action, which must take place at the next meeting of the Cooperation committee three weeks ahead, but of private conversations. I am so glad that you have Mr Brown there to explain every point out to you, for he understands the situation as can no one else.

Here are some points we have considered. Terms Sept.-Dec., March-June. That gives a long vacation in the center for all of us and some of the boys to tour. Perhaps it is too long. We hope to open next Sept. The teachers are to be the missionaries, and the bodvillies can come in and give what aid they can in the discussion of practical subjects: that is at the rate, perhaps, of one lecture a week. The aid to be given each student might be one Turkish Lira a month, during term time. How would it do to allow some to supplement that small amount by receiving pay for the work done in the long Winter vacation? The boys can have a room in the new dormitory, and a separate table for meals. We have made out a list of about 100 books, which we hope you will find the money for, and send to us as soon as convenient. Where the recitation room is to be we have not yet decided, but we hope that these books can be put in a case in that room so as to be constantly referred to. You will find a proposed Course of Study on another sheet. Perhaps it would be well to get out a small type written circular or catalog soon.

Yes, Mr Knapp has 125 Liras left over to be used for this school. That is nearly enough to pay the aid to the dozen we may have for the first year. All the Prudential committee need to do this first time is to buy us some books. They are as necessary as teachers. Those here are mostly old and dusty. Where is the Seminary Indemnity? How much is it? How would it do to use it to build over our present stable a large auditorium which could be subdivided off into rooms by sliding partitions, building to be used by both College and Seminary?

Yours of Nov. 27 received—

You would like to "see it a part of the College", and there would be many advantages in having the seminary under the protection and the steadiness and permanency of that institution. But the College Board here are not all of them interested in this sort of work, and the trustees in Boston are far away, and already well burdened. And it ist to be feared that such a move would offend the pastors here, who regard it as their own right to direct the education of preachers for this field. Further, by its new constitution, the government of this business belongs to the Cooperative Committee. And if it is to be a Seminary for the whole mission, they ought to have some voice in its management. That body should be interested in the management of the seminary whom it is worth while to interest,- namely, the Armenians.

Enclosed please find also a list of candidates, some 10 or 12 of whom may finally be received. Assured that this matter receives your very interested attention; with regards from Mrs Carey and myself we eagerly await your words of encouragement,

E. F. Carey

Harpoots Dec. 28, 1903.

Rec'd FEB 24 1904

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Harpoot Jan. 26 1904.

Ans'd MAR 7 1904

Rev. J.L.Barton, Boston Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

Having just come back from a short tour, I forget if I have acknowledged your letter of Nov. 27 with inclosure. As you have learned by this time, the time of debate concerning the starting of a theological school here has passed, and we are making actinve plans. I have talked considerably with Mr. Riggs and Mr. Knapp about the plan of uniting the College and Seminary. None of us can seem to get any very clear idea of what that would involve. Mr Knapp and I see rather more advantage in their remaining separate, but perhaps they can be combined in such a way as to gain the advantages both of separateness and union. For instance, as to the arrangement of the course, the selection of students, books, lecturers, etc., the present pastors and deacons of the feild are vitally concerned, and should remain so. But it does not make any difference who pays out the student's aid, buys the wood, or in which rooms the reciting, studying, and sleeping is done. Another thing- the school's need of rooms, and the College's need of a great auditorium might be settled at the same time by a combination building on the stable.

The second half of the week of prayer I spent in Mezreh so that Bod. Giragos could go to poor Hulakegh. The results seemed to be quite happy in both places. Tuesday and Wednesday we had some meetings for pastors, teachers, and missionaries, in Harpoot, and although it was no transfiguration, it was a blessed season, with a practical

outcome. That is, a plan whereby 12 villages were to be visited by various members of the conference. The meeting Tuesday P.M. was specially interesting and instructive. There were reports from 11 places. We discussed Preparation for the week of prayer, Wine, "Clinching" the feelings roused by the special services of the church, Relative value of preaching and personal work, Relations between Protestants and Gregorians. Huilu, Hulakegh, Mezreh, Perchenj, and Harpoot showed special progress and hope, reporting in all some 36 persons who expected to join the churches.

IN accordance with the arrangements made at the last meeting, Dr Atkinson and I went to the villages around Ichme. Each of us visited 5 villages, being apart all the time. In the lo days he saw over 2oo patients, and held 3 or 4 meetings. I held 24 meetings. At Shukhaji I saw in the house of Mariam, mother of the teacher, Avidis Giragosian, a picture of yourself and family, taken years ago when you were a missionary here. It was very interesting to me. Every where people inquired for Mr Browne. We do hope and pray that he will return to us, and the natives need and love him so much. The situation at Haboosi and Aghunsik is encouraging: at Ichme the young men are running off to America, and the members are rather separated by the question as to who should be treasurer, although they are very happy and prompt in paying their new bodville.

I am informed that Mr John Campbell, who had some success as evangelist at Van, etc., last year, and was then driven home by sickness, has great desire to be appointed missionary to Harpoot. His address is 31 Brownswood Road, Stoke Newington, London, N. He is 27 years old, unmarried, holds a doctor's deploma, and is, I am told,

a college graduate, and has taken a Bible school course.

We are having some trouble with Mr Ehmann, who, since returning from Germany is reported to have said and done some very unfriendly things, and to be seeking to exchange his work here in the orphan department for work as superintendent of churches. His policy is quite the oposite of the Wheeler-Browne method, and to our minds he should be expected to at least consult with those who have been running the business here for 40 years. He has two particularly sore points: one that one ofthe American Missionaries is an Atheist,(that's your humble servant, as you will readily guess), and the other that Mr Knapp will not give himma monopoly of the tailoring business in Mezreh. As to the first point, I am perfectly certain that God has spoken to me through his book and through his Son, and personally and directly. I have perfectly satisfactory proof of the divinity of Christ. I hold Evolution only in its baptized(by immersion!) form. Since coming here most of my sermons have been about the imitation of the character of Jesus. That is not Atheism. Yes, I went down and talked with him. To my face he seemed to be pleased and appeased. But he continued the talk behind my back. But God's love is infinite.

Enclosed please find a list of books we have selected for the Seminary. Those starred are of secondary importance to us. The others are all important, and the presence of new and authoritative books such as these will be of great importance in our work. Please find the money for them and send them on as soon as possible.

Respectfully,

E. T. Carey

Harpoon Jan. 26, 1904

Rec'd JUN 6 1904 S
Ans'd JUN 7 1904

Harpoot, May 11, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton,

Dear Sir:-

Concerning the total of $3100. indemnity money for telescope, Book depository, and Books on sale, we have voted here that as much of that sum as possible should be invested there, the interest upon it being used to buy new books for the Seminary every year. It is also possible that we shall wish to use some of the interest to pay for native teaching in the Seminary. We are looking toward Bd. Kevork of Gurun, but cannot call him just now.

We are very thankful that you have acted so promptly concerning the buying of the books for the Seminary. They will be not only of the greatest assistance to us, but will make the students feel that they are really studying and up to the times. The great trouble in this school is not to get the boys to accept the new thought, but to hold them back from a rash following of every new fad that comes out. And in just that line we most need the sane judgment of Mr Browne for this coming class. The quicker those books come the sooner I shall have a chance to familiarize myself with their contents, and prepare myself to teach effectively. But we are all hoping that Mr Browne can come out for the second year, at least, to teach Systematic Theology and Homiletics.

You did just right in the case of Mr Campbell, who was suggested for missionary here. I found out afterwards that reasons of

lack of health and education would have forbidden his acceptance.

You have by this time been well informed about our relations with the Germans, and their attitude toward us and toward the field work. Their idea is simply to insure places for their orphans to teach in after they are educated, and not to meddle with the churches any more than that. At present there is the most friendly feeling between all of us. Only they cannot get over the idea that we are theologically very radical up here on the hill. Their pastor Lohmann preached before the College and preparatory departments this A.M., against the Higher Criticism, from the first Ps., saying that the seat of the scorners is the seat of the Critics.

Thank you for your kind words recognizing me as head of the Seminary. I am not worried with the dignity or fame or emoluments of the office, but I am often wieghed down with the feeling of responsibility,- how much this class must accomplish, and how unfit I am to properly lead them. Dear Aunt Hattie told me the other night that she had me on her prayer list, and it comforted me greatly.

I am sending this week a copy of the Tabular View of Harpoot station for 1903, thinking that you and Mr Browne wuold both like to examine it. You will also receive the Annual Report. There will also be a sort of petition, or plea,- I do not know just what to call it, to be read to the Prudential Committee. We hope that this

little document will show them, if indeed they need to learn, how great and dear a man Mr Browne is among us, and how strong is our desire that he come back as soon as possible. If he cannot bring his wife with him on account of her health, could he not come out for next year alone. Merely his teaching and influence in the Seminary class would be worth his coming, not to mention other things needing him. I am sending a duplicate copy of the document to Mr and Mrs Browne.

Also I am sending this week a copy of the report of our visit to Kurdistan. Perhaps Mr Strong could make use of it in the Herald. He might add the note that this work is paid for as the Home Missionary work of the Armenians of Turkey. I am sending this report also to the Avedaper at Constantinople.

We enjoyed very much our stay in Mardin. They are doing a deal of work there for such a small force. And one very pleasant thing I noticed was the universal respect in which the missionaries were held wherever we called. I wish the relief work here had brought that about in Harpoot.

Do NOT let Mr Knapp resign from the Board. He is too valuable a missionary to be allowed to take up American agency for Steel and Leather. Our idea is this, that so long as that little store down on the corner sells orphan goods through orphans to support orphans, that they are inside the laws of the HANDBOOK. We are willing to go a step further in this particular case. People who come to buy cloth

and yarn and towels, are glad to be able to buy at the same place such articles as thread, needles, sizzors, and soap. These little side lines are ordered and paid for on a cash basis, do not occupy more than an hour a year of Mr Knapp's time, are sold by and for orphans. But, and here is the sticking point, when Mr Knapp goes beyond that, and begins to ORDER ON CREDIT lines of goods entirely disconnected with orphan manufactures, and puts himself in danger of business failure, thereby smirching the Board name, we all say No. Have I made the three steps clear? Selling orphan goods, buying and selling for cash a few little side lines in connection with orphan goods and for orphans, and a large agency or credit business, liable to large gain or miserable failure. Let us keep Mr Knapp a missionary!

I am happy to say that Mrs Carey's health remains firm and she is her cheerful self again. Her lace work is attracting a good deal of attention here and from several churches to which she has appealed in America. She has in 8 months received $195 from England, $36 from missionaries, and $110. from America. The sales of lace are now bringing in considerable, and her working women are learning neatness, contentment and industry.

With hearty regards from us all —
E. F. Carey.

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Rec'd JUN 6 1904

Ans'd JUN 7 1904

KURDISH-SPEAKING CHRISTIANS.

President Riggs and Mr Carey of Harpoot spent their Spring vacat on in a trip among the Kurdish-speaking Christians about Farkin. Owing to the favor of the excellent governor of the Diarbekir vilayet, they were able not only to travel with speed and safty, but were shown honor and kindness in the various towns in which they stopped.

Unfortunately the height of the waters this season prevented the missionaries from making the tour complete by going to the distant village of Redwan. But a traveller from there related that that formerly important center is now rapidly going to ruin. The number of houses has decreased from 300 to 75, and out of 36 Protestant families, only 6 remain. The seat of Government having been removed from Redwan to Zoku, and the stream of trade turned into another direction, the inhabitants are naturally eager to follow. Near there is Til, a village of 30 houses, 10 of which are Protestant. The preacher and teacher, Bn. Hovnan, has been somewhat more successful this year than last, circumstances being more favorable to his work.

Farkin is growing in population every year. Business is excellent, and the country round about very productive. And the work in the church, which has over 50 members, is quite hopeful. The school this last year had 60 pupils. The children are taught the Armenian language, thus opening for themselves a world of Christian literature not to be found in the wild Kurdish tongue. And the good influence of this school upon the Gregorian Armenians is to be seen in the fact

that they have in the last few years been stimulated to establish a really progressive school, having 3 teachers, and 130 pupils. The authorities have kindly consented to allow the Protestants to use their new but unfinished building for church services and school purposes. At the communion service on Sunday morning, Mr Riggs took in 9 new members into the church fellowship. May the great desire of the brethren for an ordained Gospel preacher soon be satisfied.

On the same Sabbath a communion was held at Korit, one hour from Farkin, and 5 new church members received. The teacher and preacher there, Abdullah, has had a school of ten pupils this year, and held regular preaching services every Sunday. The people are very eager to learn, and in spite of their ignorance, try to lead simple and virtuous lives. At this same communion were present some from Kilesseh, a village two hours' walk distant. There are 18 members of the church in that village, but they have no pastor, and have had no communion service for 4 years. Indeed, every where is to be heard the same cry, "Send us shepherds! " So we hope and pray that much good will result from the re-opening of Harpoot Theological Seminary next September. At Halda, two hours' journey from Farkin, having 8 Protestant families, one of the brothers, for pure love of the Gospel, and receiving not a cent of salary, preaches and holds regular prayer-meetings every Sabbath. This is the enthusiastic spirit of the first bearers of the Good News.

In truth, few places can show so much eagerness for Christian teaching as do those Kurdish-speaking Christians. From Farkin South to the Tigris river there are a hundred towns where the gospel is ... ed. Poor people, Christian in name, but in most villages having no religious services on the Sabbath, and no school to teach them how to read the Bible! Once a year a Gregorian priest visits such a village on his circuit, performs the church rites, baptizes the infants, and blesses the graves of such as have died within the last twelve months. May God bless these priests in their self-sacrificing ministrations. And may the great Shepherd of the sheep raise up pastors who shall bring to those poor people the joy of knowing the Christ who died to show them the love of their Father!!

E. F. Carey

Harpoot, May 1, 1904

E. F. Carey, S
Harpoot.

Rec'd JUN 13 1904

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Harpoot, May 17, 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton, Boston,

Dear Sir:-

Last week I sent you a copy of the year's statistics, the yearly report, the report of a trip to Kurdistan, and a call to Mr Browne. I hope that they all reached you safely.

This week we had a little business meeting and decided to ask you to call Mr Brower to aid us in the Seminary work, if Mr Browne cannot return immediately. Personally, I should prefer Mr Browne to anybody else under the sun, but if he cannot comee , the work here would be much strengthened if we could have some progressive man here. The Armenian pastors have the idea that doctrine ceased to develope when they graduated, and it might be a good thing to have them shaken up a little, and informed that there has been more progress in the last 50 years than for two centuries of thought before that.

The prospective students are now 5. Three more are highly probable candidates. However, this is a fickle people, and nobody knows when open permission to run to America will ruin most of our work here.

Do you remember the controversy of the Board about 15 years ago concerning the state of the heathen who have never heard of the earthly Christ? Well, that question has arisen here, and promises to make some trouble. The fault lies with me. In a sermon in Mezreh

preached last Sunday, I was seeking to magnify the Love of the Father. I called that the foundation of perfect religion and conduct. I tried to show how it was the Love of God which was animating the Creeds, the Church, and the Bible, but is greater than all these. Indeed, as Fairbairn says, "Without the Father there could be no Atonement and no Atoner" , or, as the Holy Boble puts it, "He spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all." Which leads us to the perfectly biblical assertion that the basis of even our Lord's perfect life and sacrificial death was the infinite love of God for his straying children, who were all under sin. So that the most fundamental thing in our religion, and the essence of Christ's teaching is the infinite Love of God.

Next day I was visited by Dr. Michael and Bd. Bedros Garabedian, and they said that the sermon had offended the people very much. For it led to a Unitarian conclusion. If God is infinite love, then perhaps He could save some of the heathen who had never heard of Jesus. They asked me point blank if I dared to follow it out to that conclusion. I said that I could not deny the possibility of God's saving as many heathen as, having not the law, did by nature the things contained in the law, i.e., sought and responded to the natural revelation of Himself which it is imperative that a loving Creator would present to his children for whose intelligent obedience he

longed with his infinite Father-heart. And the good brethren would not listen to reason at all: they went off calling me many bad names, and saying that I had destroyed entirely the necessity for the Incarnation.

I do not believe I have said anything against the necessity of the coming of the Savior. Was not what I was trying to show just this, that the infinite Love of God DEMANDED the Incarnation and Perfect Humanity and Sacrifice and Resurrection and the Head of the Church?

But the animus of the movement is directed against me in particular, and against the missionaries in general by a set of people in Mezreh who have taken it upon themselves to separate as much as possible by false reports the Americans and the Germans. FOr unfortunately it happened that this last Sunday at the morning service Mr Ehmann preached on Christ the Only Foundation. And then, entirely ignorant of that, I spoke in the afternoon upon God the Foundation of Foundations. So some busybodies have strated the report that the two colonies are again at loggerheads, and that Mr Carey is a great heretic. I immediately consulted Mr Knapp and Mr Riggs, and found that my views did not differ a hair's breadth from theirs on these topics of theology. And I have written a very concilliatory note to Mr Ehmann.

I have today seen two of the prospective students, and they assure me that this trouble cannot possibly hurt the attendence of the Seminary.

But these great questions have all got to come sometime. When I first came I was open and frank in answer to the questioning natives, and being very innocent, was easily led to say things that do and cannot accord with the accepted beliefs here. Then, having learned caution from my burns, I kept silent for over a year. But when the class comes, we must tell the truth, andthe whole truth, or fail in our duties as informers. And in spite of the love and grace and gentleness with which we put things, these will of course be some earnest controversies. I pray not to escape it, but to be prepared and Christ-like.

We are eagerly awaiting the books for the Seminary. We hope that he whole list can be sent; they were selected because they are at the ime time conservative and up with the times. The younger generation ere are prepared for progress: the older generation does not want it.

Forgive me for writing so much of my personal struggles, but I fear these enemies of ours may seek to interfere with the work here, therefore I have tried to explain this whole trouble carefully. Mr Knapp is to preach in Mezreh next Sunday.

Respectfully E. T. Carey

Ans'd APR 14 1905

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Harpoot, March 14, 1905.

Rev. J.L.Barton, Boston,

Ans'd MAY 5 1905

Dear Sir:-

Yours of Dec. 19th received, and enclosure put on file. There will not be any call for a new residence for missionaries in Harpoot. If Mr Brown returns double, he will live in his own house and Dr. Atkinson will live in the Hospital, which will be built of indemnity funds, partly, and therefore Dr's house included. If Mr Brown comes back single he will have luxurious apartments in the famous three-family apartment house. If you send out here a new married missionary while Bitlis is starving to death,--- well, we can find room half a block from the girl's school.

So far as we can see ahead now, no building except the hospital will be needed here for four years. About that time the old "Barnum cottage" might be remodeled with an expense of $500.

Just please inform any friends inquiring for me that our Seminary needs BOOKS. That is my salaam.

Your of Feb. 1st received, and read by the station. At a meeting of the missionaries the Diarbekir Hospital project was talked over for about two hours, with no vote. But the general opinion was that if the Germans were going to stay in Diarbekir Dr Naab would be just the man to attend to the business of the hospital, while one or two trained nurses could be very effective

in evangelical influence. But, since Dr Naab has mal de pays, and returns this month to Germany, probably never to return, Dr Ottley, now at Marsovan, late of Constanople, would be a proper person for the Board to appoint as a regular missionary physician located in the Hospital at Diarbekir. The site outside of the city was perhaps more favored than any other. As for Dr Underwood, he seems definitely located at Erzroum, even if his families' health and inclination were suitable to Diarbekir.

Thank you for the arrangement of the building and furnishing expenses of the Seminary. We are very happy to be so well housed. Thank you for the book appropriation. We cannot help feeling badly that your committee did not see fit to find for us from somewhere the sum of 20 Liras for this year's running expenses. Of course we shall be compelled to steal it from "native agency" funds. I trust that the appropriation was not refused through any false idea of the relative valuse of the Seminary as a missionary institution.

Concerning the building of a missionary house, mentioned above, it has just occurred to me that if the Hospital is built in Mezreh, there will need to be set up in connection with it a house for Dr. Atkinson, costing perhaps 200 liras, which will naturally come out of the Indemnity fund.

Yes, we are in many ways encouraged by the out look of the Seminary. The number and quality of students is promising. Their acceptance by the various churches to which they minister is

grateful. The teaching force have the attention and respect of the students. But of course there are minor difficulties, and a little friction, sometimes. The class is composed of all sorts of men, from those who would call half the Bible fable to those who are very offended if a period is changed to a semi-colon. So the teacher must fit his doctrine to both extremes. A cause for heart-searching among the missionaries is that some of the students have come from Aintab where the country has just passed through a revival, and by comparison the missionaries and people of Harpoot seem quite cold and of doubtful spirituality. But the real cause for friction is Who is the manager of that Seminary? (i.e. natives or missionaries) Some of the native brethren object to my heterodoxy, and wish to run the Seminary on a very conservative basis. However, there are only two or three such. But they make so much noise! The executive committe of the UNION has just appointed Bodville Toros Aslanian to be a representative of the natives on the faculty. You will remember that he is preacher here in Harpoot. Let us pray that he will take a real interest in the work, and give such lessons as will be really profitable. The question as to who is the manager of the institution is to come up at next Cooperation meeting. You see the missionaries feel that they have a right to manage it, because they are administering American funds. And the Union desires to manage it because, they say, though it is only partly true, they

furnish the students. So far, the matter has been thus compromised, the Americans arranging for the teaching, while the Union do the examining, licensing, and passing of students. But Dr Michael and Bodville Bedros are dissatisfied with the books and one of the teachers, and so are fighting to be allowed to controll the whole thing. Whereat I propose a compromise, namely that the Cooperative committee have the same jurisdiction over the Seminary as it has over the field, with the power of appeal to Boston or the whole Union, etc. What will be the result of this joint control? Probably an attempt will be made to take from the library all books referring to Evolution or the Lower or Higher Criticism of the Bible. Which would not even leave us Smith's Bible Dictionary, for that separates the two narratives of the Flood! Another consequence might be that yours truly would soon be a home missionary pastor in Oregon. For myself, I do not fear, but for the Seminary, I fight. There are two theories about Theological education, that of Catholic exclusion, and that of Protestant inclusion, comparison of all that is good, and plain reasons for the rejection of that which is bad. Of course in this country neither theory can be absolutely practised. We dare not nor have we time to show the young men all the nonsense of some of these later theories that are born every hour. Nor are we intending

to censor everything less than 50 years old. But we endeavor to take a middle and suitable course. We do not teach the follies of myth-mad, one-eyed Cheyne, but the careful text-book of Driver, in the New Testament we insist on the miracles and the practically complete accuracy of the accounts as they stand. As far as possible we have avoided theological questions this year, reserving them for their proper time next term. In church history Fisher's manuals are the basis. The students feel particularly broadened in mind and strengthened in faith by a course in the Comparative History of Religions. That is, the teaching attempts to be somewhat more conservative than that given at Andover 5 years ago, as is natural in this country, which is so backward.

But the blind opposition of two men is not anything to worry us, in view of the inspiring opportunity and the joy of teaching such eager and earnest young men. Excuse me, if I say that personally I feel most blessed. I have two classes over in the college, too. The Juniors are good boys, and believe all my pious statements, but the Seniors are having a severe attack of theological doubt, and it needs a Prof. Park to answer all their questions. The doctrines of Evolution, Immortality, Divinity of Christ and Miracles, are brought up in some form almost every day. And, if you please, entirely at their own initiative.

Suppose you make a visit to the Seminary today. As we enter

the square hall on the street floor, you see to the left some stairs going up. So we'll mount those stairs, and see the building in order. From the upper hall we see a small store room, pass that, and enter the large dormitory room. Here, against the wall, are 8 wardrobe closets, and at the foot of each a native bed. The room is large and well lighted. At one end are two small rooms for private devotions. Let us go down stairs again. From that same first main hall on the street floor we see steps descending. We go down to the hall below, which has two doors. As we enter one we are in the kitchen. Here are conveniences for washing, toilet, etc. at one end. At the other end are the stove, the dish closet, some stores. Sweeping the floor is an orphan, Manoog, who has spent several months as apprentice to Mr Knapp's cook, and is now cook and janitor in the Seminary at 100 piasters a month. He will take us through a door to show us the dining room, cosy for eight young men, always hungry and always debating. Let us go back into the hall, and down another flight of steps, to the lowest floor, where is the wood-room, and the water closet. Harpoot is built on a hill, you know, so this place opens out into the street also. Up we go again, for it is school time. We arrive at the main hall again. There before you is that big door which you have not yet entered. In we go. The students have just finished a prayer-meeting. It is 9:15 A.M. You may sit upon the settee. I will go to the desk in front, put

my manuscript on the lecture stand, and begin to drivel on the religious value of the book of Genesis, the reasons why its stories of the patriarchs should be accepted as historical truth, and the similarities and differences between their then religion and that of the Amorites about them. Of course you will not pay any attention to my prattle, but will gaze about you. You will see ten students. But they will not see you, for they write notes as hard as they can until their hands are tired, then they ask question of the teacher which reveal such a depth of insight and ignorance and eagerness as to keep the instructer most busy answering. You will observe the convenient tables, and the abundant light, in the room. You will see four cases of books over on one side. You will note the table for religious papers, and the special table for dictionaries. You will see that all of the side of the room back of the teacher's desk and facing the students, has a three-feet wide black-board. And by that time, the lecture on Old Testament Theology being done, you are surprized by the young men arising and taking off their coats. And you have to laugh at the physical exercises and voice culture drill which they go through with, they do it with such gusto! Then there is a half hour recess. You may visit Mr Knapp's Church History class at 11 A.M. He gives them a pretty stiff course, with text-book work, lectures, and sets of search-questions for each lesson. At 1:30 P.M. Mr Riggs gives them a lesson from the New Testament, either of exegesis of the Epistles or of the Life

of Christ. The class read papers or essays twice a week on assighed subjects. Then Last comes Dr. Barnum, who talks to the young men about sermons and the work of a preacher. So you see our day. We can see evident progress in the mental attitudes of the students. And I am sure they have made spiritual advance as well. All but one have places where they preach on Sunday. And most of them have some good influence in the college here. Among the teachers there is the most delightful harmony and cooperation. One of the students expressed it the other day, saying, "We see that you all say the same things only in different studies and from different points of view." If only Mr Browne would come back to teach the Theology!

Besides these regular studies the pastors and professors are giving one lecture on Mondays, on their own specialties.

Excuse this rambling letter, I have been interupted many times. But we have no doubt of your interest in the work here, and are glad to keep you in touch with it as much as possible.

Mrs Carey sends her regards.

Yours truly

E. D. Carey

Harpoot, Turkey, Apr. 14/05.

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Rec'd JUN 9 1905

Harpoot, May 7, 1905.

Ans'd JUN 14 1905

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.—

Dear Sir:—

Your favor of March 20, concerning the offence I have given to some by a letter written last December, is before me. Let me thank you for the kind way in which you have written, and your promptness and frankness. The letter itself which I wrote to my classmates is before me in copy. The offensive expression concerning infant baptism is put partly in quotation marks, to show that it is the view of baptism taken by the natives. I was trying to present their low ideals of the sacraments in such a striking manner that Americans could see the justification of A.B.C.F.M. work among a nominally Christian population. For the sacred rite of the consecration of an infant by its parents I have profound reverence. But for the selfish and material conception of the elation of infant baptism in oil & water to the clearing of original sin, such as is held by Gregorians here, as you know better than I do, I have only pity. And I must confess

that the matter is most poorly expressed in my class letter. And worse, my disrespect for the gregorian custom was not sufficiently tempered by Christ's love for the ignorant. That was my real fault. Any apparent brightness of expression arose from that lack. I am but slowly learning the lesson of I Cor. 13 – I am sure God will forgive my sin, but I have less hope of pardon from those who were offended at the reading of the letter. So I trust you will so explain my fault to them that the Cord's Board work will not be damaged. If, however, that one who said, "I don't feel as though I could give anything to the American Board any more" cannot be reconciled, please ascertain the amount of his annual contribution, and I will refund it from my salary to the Board. And may God grant that the letter does no more harm, and that I may have learned a needed lesson.

Prof. Jenekijian and I have just returned from a brief tour. We stopped the first night at Ashwan, and I attended part of the foot-washing service in a gregorian church dark & low & dirty as a stable. The priest was a poor farmer, so ignorant that he could scarcely read the cere-

mony, but he was honest and sincere, and I had great sympathy for him. After service we gave him a contribution, and encouraged him in his noble work. When I go to such a place I am always filled with the longing to stay a while and open the scriptures and teach the priest and brethren something of the spiritual gospel. I wish I had 5 lives! The next night at Aghan we found a flourishing protestant community of 35 houses, whose preacher (Aram) was a graduate of our bible class in 1903. At Egin we saw a glorious spring, the remnant of a noble community, or a decadent city. Owing to our ignorance of a new law that all foreigners must have tuskarès even in the velayet, we took no papers, and the Kaima Kam requested us to go as early as possible. So we examined the relief work on Sunday & Monday at Ak, pug, manusa, orphanages, etc, and set out at noon. That night was spent with Giragos at Shepik, and silk-culture & second probation were the principle topics of conversation. At Arabkir we found the people planning for a new church & school, as the present building is sagging & has been condemned by the Commissaire as dangerous. The city officials showed us every honor there, likewise

at Maden, where we stopped Wed. night. In all we were gone 8 days, travelling 52 hours. Miss Bush and Mr Browne were spoken of everywhere. Oh, I do pray so earnestly for Mr Browne's return!

Coöperation is fulfilling Mr Browne's prophecies. Having wrung the treasury dry, the native members are now wringing us, charging us with dishonesty, heresy, and intrigue. A few natives have banded themselves together to be a papal combination, to dictate to missionaries their faith & conduct, expenditure of money & management of orphanages & schools. It is reversion to the type, a revival of the hierarchy, a gregorian-protestant movement. If we fight it we are a house divided against itself where the Holy Spirit cannot dwell. If we submit, we are traitors. If we ignore they will strengthen this issue & force another. Send Mr Wiggin to buy Mr Browne's steamer ticket.

The internal condition of the Seminary is almost ideal. The young men are earnest and studious, all but 1 having also steady Sunday employment. The death of Soghomon of Antab made a profound impression on this whole region. Since that time there has been a marked increase

in the spirituality and unity of the class. But in external relations the Seminary could scarcely be worse off- The ruling bodvilles have agreed to boycott it, to disregard it, never to visit it, to refuse license & ordination to all its graduates, etc. Why? Because of the heterodoxy of all of its teachers, because no pastor here was offered a salary to teach therein (?), because Mr Ehmann speaks slightingly of the Seminary & refuses to visit it, because there is some hope that Mr Ehmann will open a "conservative" and "orthodox" Bible School, more suited to the present state of culture in this community. The orthodox papal bodvilles object to me, principally. There are 3 charges - (1) that Mr Carey does not believe in the litteral inspiration of the Bible, word for word God's word, perfect, descended from heaven, that he does not accept Jonah as actual history, (2) that he thinks creation took place by the method of Evolution (though I have said a thousand times that it is simply a theory of God's method), (3) that he does not believe in the 2 separate natures in Christ of perfect man and perfect God, etc. Perhaps I might

say in this connection that the creed which I presented at the time of my ordination by the Board has been changed in only this way, that some of the things I then hoped, I now know by experience, and in some other ~~questions~~ matters there presented I have gained a larger understanding and a more exact & conservative definition. I am constantly meditating upon theology and the Science of Religion, and reading what books I can find. But there is ~~so~~ much to learn!

I sometimes think that what these people need is a Bible School of the Moody or Torrey type, rather than a regular Seminary course. Perhaps for the great majority of the common people, still enslaved to the letter of the Word, this is true. But if our pastors are to command the respect of educated & leading people, they must know more than the pious explanation of a few isolated texts. They must be broad-minded as well as religious. For Euphrates College has not been here 25 years for nothing. So far as I know, there is not a teacher or missionary here who does not, for example, believe in the theory of Evolution, & for an ignorant pastor to deny the possibility of such a theory, only makes that pastor the object

of ridicule among the educated class. The youth of this country are beginning to think. A former generation protested against ecclesiasticism & ceremony, the present young men are protesting against a reverence for the letter of the Bible & old creeds. Some of them are dangerously attracted by materialism and agnosticism. We have prayed & worked especially for the present Senior class in the college. They ask me such questions as the following — Explain the Virgin Birth — What is mind, soul? Is not thought simply a meat-brain product? Relation of morality & religion. Spencer & Mansel say the Absolute God is inscrutable, then is not theology empty speculation? Prove immortality. How is revelation made? What is the new birth? Where is hell? Is not Christianity only an old woman's religion? How do you prove that Christ was a perfect character? What is the relation between free will and predestination? Could apes become men? Why did the missionaries form a protestant church? etc etc ---- &c.

I have before me some papers written by these seniors. After talking to them several weeks on the meaning of Romans, and emphasizing the difference between the real fact religion & the metaphysics of theology, I asked them to write what they actually

personally believed about Religious experience. Several returned pious, all returned thoughtful, answers. But for the tragedy of it I copy part of some boy's answers.

(1) Prayer. "There is immediate answer for praying, according to the testimony of many men. But I cannot explain how it can be, and also I have had not such experience in my life." (This is the best boy in the class, perhaps)

(2) Religious Experience. "Religious experience means to come to unity with god and to receive suggestions and commandments from God. I have not such an experience and I dont no an other man who has such an experience. Some men who ascribe some effects to God I ascribe to another cause (law). Prayer subjectively effects the man. And this is not only received by praying to God, but if the man prays by faith to a stone, also, he receives the same effect, and this I know with my own experience, and more than this I dont know. I have prayed many times but I have not gain any helps" (This boy is the son of a deacon)

(3) Religious experience. "I have not such experience. I think also cannot be such experiences. We see only law in moral, physical, o social world, and God cannot prevent a cause to produce its own effect. Prayer's only effect is subjective." (a bright boy)

Do you see what all this is the result? Of too many hypocrite's prayer-meetings, and too much mind, science, law, cause or effect and matter in the College course. What do the pastors propose to do about it? Muzzle the boys' minds so that they cant think or ask too difficult questions. What must the Board do about it? Help the young men to think rightly under the assistance of the best possible trained mind that you can find to send out here. How inadequate I have been to meet their intellectual and spiritual needs! As soon as this term (is it 8 years?) is over I desire to study in England or America, and attend some revival meetings. But this is personal, and I am writing to an official.

If you receive a letter from the papal bodvilles (for whom we daily pray) protesting against the seminary teaching, dont think it represents all the pastors or people here. The seminary has many warm friends and admirers, but they are not of the noisy kind. As a proper reply to some of these misguided brethren, envelope, stamp, seal, & send J.K.B. by first post. It was very unfortunate that the first few

years of the Seminary should have fallen under my management. I was entirely innocent as to the depth of ignorance, the fanatical energy, & the low & worldly means to rule, to be found in certain pious men here. I trusted them, they "prompted" me for my theological beliefs, and are now using even underhanded method to eject me from the work here. I do not regret the mean persecution I suffer. But if the Seminary gets a bad name, and its graduates are unrecognized by their fellow-preachers, I shall greatly blame myself. And I have no doubt you will join in the condemnation. It is the old story of the new against the old. And I am really at fault that my study of Church reforms in history had not taught me to be more cautious and slow and wary.

Excuse the fragmentariness of this letter. It has taken the spare moments of two days.

I hope your work is prospering, and that by the time this reaches you the trouble about oily money will have passed.

Mrs Carey sends her regards.

Respectfully

E. F. Carey.

Harpoot - Turkey. Tuesday 7/1905.

P.S. Will you please authorize me then a salary from 1 year to Bodwin Conta, at the rate of ½ L.T. a month yearly, reckoned for teaching in Seminary year?

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Rec'd NOV 23 1905

Harpoot, Oct. 31, 1905. Ans'd NOV 23 1905

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:

We hope you are by this time safely back at your post, and working with renewed vigor. We have missed your letters lately, but will expect them to begin again soon.

The immediate occasion for writing at this time to you, is acquaint you somewhat with the progress of the Seminary, and to come to a little better understanding about our future.

The building which we occupy suits us admirably, and we are grateful to God that we are so well housed. The original number of eleven students has now been diminished to eight, one having proved dissatisfactory, one went to become a teacher for the Germans, and Bn. Soghomon, a beautiful character, went to heaven. Of those who remain, one has become so interested in a small revival in Pertag, that he has missed enough lessons to prevent him from graduating with full certificate. However, we are well satisfied with the class as it now stands, and feel confident that to send such a set of young men into the work well repays any labor or expense we may have made. By the way, did you

ever stop to compare the product and expense of the Andover Theological Seminary with that of ours in Harpoot? Of course in many ways they are not to be compared, in course of study offered, in library advantages, for example, but in expense for each student, and in number of students the comparison might be instructive.

The coming of Bodville Yeghoian was a special mercy of the Lord. He has done much to put the seminary back into sympathy with the native pastors here, who were hurt both because they were not paid to teach here, nor allowed to manage the institution, and because there was a heretic among the teachers. Pastor Yeghoian has a wide awake mind, and makes an excellent teacher of the New Testament. But above all, his spiritual influence upon the students, both in the seminary and college, has been very strong, fervent and sensible. He is the one pastor I have met here with whom I am perfectly satisfied. You will say, He must have grown much since I knew him ten years ago. Yes, every one says that he has grown. In short, he is just the man to be the native professor in our seminary here. The meeting of the P.T.U. voted that he be employed for a year. I would now beg that we extend that invitation to him to

remain with us as long as the Seminary is continued.

My duties as head of this institution are many of them of quite an extraordenary and unexpected nature. To call meetings of the faculty, to run around to find special lecturers, to arrange the courses of study, select and order text-books, correspond with prospective students, arrange for prayer meetings and examinations, come in the natural routine of work, of course. But to keep the separate men of that class united, to take off the corners of their individual characters, and actually to reprove them for misbehavior, or to reconcile their petty strifes and offended honors, that has struck me often as quite redic-ulous. But it is the hidden, and perhaps the most important part of my work, apart from teaching. One of them, for example is quite religious but not entirely moral, and another is a perfectionist but scarcely practical, while another has a great deal of consecration but little politeness, another makes more trouble with his tongue in an hour than he can mend in a week. And yet they are all entirely earnest, sincere, and compared with the world of christians in general, really good young men. Several of them are admirable and strong characters. Only, I happen

to be behind the scenes. And I am revealing this to you because I think you had some of the same delicate work to do among the young men when you were here, and will therefore be able to understand and sympathize.

The question of the duration of the seminary here is one which we have earnestly considered for a long time. The touring work is temporarily suffering while Mr Knapp is thus tied down to teaching in the seminary. The expense of keeping three Protestant seminaries running for Turkey alone is a matter of some weight. In any event, we must graduate one more class here. Then shall we go to Marsovan, or shall Marsovan come here, or shall we both remove to Sivas? There are objections to all of these plans. As a matter of fact, we have more connection and sympathy with Marash than with Marsovan. Marash is much more central, and is already well respected. A glance at a map of Asia Minor will show how strategic its position is.

However, this is looking far ahead. We will do our best at Harpoot for the present. We are thinking very favorably of making the next class take a course of three years. Two years has proven short. And instead of wasting the time of the students with Hebrew and Greek, we can give them some useful courses in Moral and Mental

Philosophy, and some practical medical lectures. Perhaps after we have sent out that class, I can get away for a year of study. I very much feel the need of it.

I have been very much put to shame, by both teachers and students in our seminary, lately. Are we never to have any more new books?' they complain. I have repeatedly sent lists of books that are actually needed in the work of the class room. I do not even receive any reply to my letters, in some cases. Perhaps the letters were lost. Perhaps you do not deem the books fit for missionary consumption. Perhaps the freight agent, living in book-ridden Boston, is a little slow, not appreciating Harpoot book hunger. Perhaps there is no money. Is it a proper christian emphasis to get a hundred thousand for the instruction of carpenters and comparatively so little for the instruction of preachers of the Gospel? No doubt many people think it is, and anyway, its none of my business. But if there is a good reason why we should run a Seminary and try day & night to make it first class (for Turkey!) on a library of 200 books, tell me so I can have somewhat to answer these slurs about our third rate Bible School — With best wishes to you personally, & congratulations on your Seattle vindication,

E. F. Carey.

C. F. Carey

Harpoot - Turkey. Oct. 31-1905.

Rec'd FEB 9 1906
Ans'd FEB 20 1906

Harpoot, Jan. 1st, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Brother:-

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works. But it is quite impossible to understand his ways or see his reasons. I saw my wife enter heaven, so that I no longer merely believe in the spiritual world, but I KNOW that it is and is beautiful. And when I think of her present peace and happiness, of how she is with Mrs Biggs and the babies, and the heavenly host, the Master, and the heavenly Father whom she so loved, I try to repeat to myself, "I am glad she is there; I would not call her back!"

Said dear Mrs Barnum the other evening, "Her's was a perfectly beautiful life. As I look over the four years she was among us I can recall nothing that I could regret or wish she had done differently." No matter what her pain, she was ever patient and cheerful, thoughtful of others, sweet, pure, true, brave, and loving.

Twenty three years we have loved each other. Of course I cannot yet realize my loss,- indeed, I do not wish to speak of that side at all. Mr Biggs is constantly with me.

Will you be good enough to see that proper notices are put into the Congregationalist, Advance, and Missionary Herald. Cannot these things help you to realize even more the preciousness of your own wife and sweet children?

Of my future I know nothing as yet. All seems barren.

Edward R. Carey

E. F. Carey

Harfoot. Jan. 1 1906.

Rec'd FEB 9 1906
Ans'd FEB 21 1906

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Harpoot, Jan 3rd, 1906.

Rev. J.L.Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

It becomes our pleasant duty to repeat most cordially what we have many times said before, that Harpoot Station desires the return of Mr J.K.Browne and wife to the work of the Lord in this field. Of the need here, and of the fitness of Mr Browne, all are well informed. As to whether Mrs Browne can return or not, is a matter for her own decision, however much she may be wanted here. But however that may be decided, work waits Mr Browne, and we are still hoping for his return. The central apartments of the three-family house await occupation.

Kindly acquaint Mr Browne with this vote of the station.

Yours Truly,

E. A. Carey

Secretary.

E. F. Carey

Harpoot: Jan. 3-1906.

Rec'd FEB 9 1906

The Death of Mrs. Carey

For many years Mrs. Carey had hoped and prayed for a child. God graciously answered her prayer, so that until two weeks ago she was full of hope and expectation that the delivery would be accomplished safely next March.

On the 17th of December Mrs. Carey felt rather tired and depressed, but in her usual patient and cheerful way she taught her Sunday School class and was happy all day. On the 18th Dr. Atkinson first informed us that albumin had been discovered in her urine. That evening she was put into a hot pack and put to bed, a milk diet being prescribed for her. Violent nausea prevented her from taking very much nourishment of any sort however. Her head began to ache constantly and she weakened perceptibly from day to day. On the 22d she did up a few Christmas presents,- thoughtful of others to the last. Saturday morning she was still weaker. After the doctor had examined her he called me into his room, explained to me her case, and read to me from a text book on obstetrics what terrible consequences were liable to follow her disease. As I thought about it then it seemed to me that the child must be taken away from her as soon as possible in order to save her life; for as the book explained, after the stages of nausea, headache, light flashes, and partial blindness, eclampsia, or convulsions, would set in, killing both her and the child. But as I went back to her, who had as yet no suspicion of the dangerous future, and as she talked to me so hopefully of her child, I was convinced that every effort should be made to save the child also, for I feared that if the child was taken from her, her depression of spirits over her hopes destroyed would have a very bad effect on her health permanently. So Mr. Riggs and Dr. Atkinson prepared a baby incubator. On Saturday night she had the first flashes in her right eye. She had violent headache, and but for very prompt treatment would probably have passed immediately into the state of eclampsia. Sunday morning we spent together reading the Bible, especially the verses about the birth of Mary's Child, and Mrs. Carey seemed much more quiet, even though she realized much more her danger. By evening she was very weak and I talked to her about what had been arranged for the morrow. I had feared that she would object but she answered sweetly, "All things work together for good to those that love the Lord." That night the eclampsia threatened again. She had flashes and saw rings of light in both eyes, and by this time had become almost entirely blind. I was up almost all night applying hot water bottles, feeding her, and massaging her back.

Monday morning early came the nurse from the German colony, Dr. Michael, an excellent native surgeon who had been called in to consult, Miss Emma Barnum, and Mrs. Atkinson. By eleven o'clock Mrs. Carey was dressed and prepared for an operation. At eleven o'clock we began to administer chloroform. As she went out of consciousness she kept repeating "God is our Refuge and Strength." As rapidly as possible by fingers and forceps the vagina and cervix were dilated. Her heart becoming weak she received a strychnine

injection. The dilated organs were packed with aseptic cotton at 12.20. She became conscious again at 12.30, and although in violent pain she endured it with wonderful patience. The nurses and I then had some lunch while she rested an hour. Then came over an hour of violent vertical pains in the abdomen, and then she rested again until 5 P.M. From 5.05 to 5.55 she had her first labor pains. After that she was able to take a little nourishment and rested for an hour or two. I went to bed at 6.30. Tuesday morning I was up at 12.30. Lora was in great pain but was gradually submitting to the injection of morphine which she had just received. She was glad to feel me and said she knew my touch instantly. Eclampsia being threatened again it was again averted by hot and cold applications. While she slept fitfully until 7 the obstetrical tools were boiled and Dr. Michael again sent for. By 9.30 she had been prepared for her final operation. Chloroform began to be administered then and was continued for five hours. The dilation of the cervix proceeded very slowly, the muscles thereof being so rigid as to resist almost any strength of human fingers or steel forceps. Finally when four fingers could be inserted far enough to tell that there was no pulsation in the baby's body, it was agreed that the woman was to be saved at all hazards and that that was all we could hope for. The administration of chloroform was kept as near as possible just at the consciousness point. Twice it was necessary to give injections of strychnine for the weakness of her heart. Several times she whispered "Papa," but we did not understand till afterwards what she meant. Almost no contraction of the uterus took place so that the delivery had to be accomplished entirely by external force. At about half past twelve a little leg was presented, and very soon another one came, and then the larger share of a little girl's body. But as the neck was passing through the cervix there was a sudden contraction and it became impossible then to pull out the baby's head. The eyes of the patient were already turning yellow from the action of the chloroform and it began to look as though human skill would not be able to save either the child or the mother. For two hours the doctors worked with all their might to dilate the cervix again, but it was fastened like a vise. Finally it was agreed that the opening must be stuffed and the patient given a rest tillthe following day. She was carried to her bed room and gradually then began to gain consciousness, uttering meanwhile piercing and agonizing shrieks. She begged for morphine and as quickly as possible the doctor gave her an injection, but it worked very slowly. In the terrible pain she cried for her father and mother and asked me to persuade the doctor to give her another injection. Gradually she became a little calmer. I said to her, "You have been away from husband a long time and now you have come back to me. Where have you been?" "I have been in Heaven," she replied immediately, "and I saw God." "And who else did you see?" I asked. "I saw Papa." "Anybody else?" Yes, I saw Lucy, my little sister." I asked her then if she had seen Mrs. Riggs, who died in childbirth last July. "Yes, oh yes," she replied, "I saw Mrs. Riggs and the baby." "And was Mrs. Riggs beautiful," I asked her. "Yes," she answered, "she was so beautiful." Then there was a great convulsion of pain when suddenly her whole body relaxed. The shock of the operation had been too much for her weakened system. In her eyes there came a peculiar brightness, and except for the quivering of the

lips, which turned purple, she seemed as happy as she was beautiful. She gazed steadfastly towards Heaven. Then she partly raised herself and holding out her arms above she cried out in a loud voice, "God forgive me for all the wicked things I have ever done." Then she turned to me and put her arms around my neck and said, "Now I am going too, goodbye." "No," I begged of her, "you must stay with husband; please stay with husband." I summoned up our united wills; I looked her in the eye and she looked into my eye and I said to her, "Obey and stay." Very faintly she said, "I'll try." And she did try. By mere force of will she and I stayed with each other for nearly half an hour. But more and more often her eyes turned from mine to gaze on some wonderful thing above, and her face became more and more luminous. I could not but feel that she was near Heaven, and so she was, for all stimulants and injections failed. Finally she turned towards me again and with that heavenly light in her eyes she said the verse which had so upheld her,- "God is our Refuge and Strength." "But I can't stay, can't stay," she said at last with a great effort. She gave one last look into my eyes and then turned to the light above. Her hands gradually became cold, her breath became shorter and shorter, her life was slowly passing away, until with the heavenly light in her gaze, with the radiant face of an angel, her breath ceased and her spirit was free.

I wish to put on record my belief that the admission and making her death easy, and in her own peaceful way. C. T. L.

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Ans'd JUN 16 1906

Harpoot, May 10, 1906.

Rev. J.L. Barton, D.D., Boston,

Dear Sir:-

Thank you and the Prudential committee for the expressions of sympathy received. In the face of two such calamities as have just come to Harpoot, many distrust the goodness of God. As for Mr Riggs and myself, we trust, but we sadly confess that we do not understand. As for me, the world goes on mechanically. I have no heart to write a Report of the station for 1905. The figures for the churches have long ago been sent to Mr Andrus, and the personel you already know. I shall be done in three weeks more. I shall then try to throw off the strain and travel: the present plans embrace much the same trip Mr Riggs recently took, only that it is barely possible that I may get as far south as Jerusalem.

The decision of Pastor Yeghoian to accept a church call makes it imperatively necessary that Mr. Browne return for the sake of the Seminary. I have sent an article about the Seminary to the Herald. Mardin rightly objects to a reduction of their appropriation for the sake of an Armenian seminary. So WHERE is our support for the Seminary to come from? Absolutely the MOST IMPORTANT branch of mission work. I am supporting one student this term out of my own pocket; next term (having sold my horse and some furniture) I hope to help two. I positively cannot understand the ignorance and selfishness of some of those rich churches in America.

I hope that Dr. Smith will soon be enough recovered to relieve you of extra work. You should praise God for your strength. Goodbye.

E. F. Carey

Please show the Seminary Announcement to the Prudential Com'tee.

C. F. Carey

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Harpoot, Oct. 9, 1906.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D., Boston,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter of July 16th met me at Oorfa, I think. Your last one of September 5th is just come. No, I wrote you no letters while on my trip. It was indeed a wonderful journey. After visiting Aintab, Marash, Alexandretta, Ladikiyeh, Beirut, and Jaffa, I spent two weeks in Jerusalem, two weeks in Edom and Moab, and two weeks on a horseback tour of Samaria and Galilee. Then came Damascus, Baalbek, Hama, Aleppo, Oorfa, Severek, Chuncush, and Harpoot. The trip took three months of time and forty liras of money. My physical health is greatly improved, I have gained a great fund of information illuminating the Bible and missionary problems, and, please God, a surer inspiration and deeper consecration for the spread of the Gospel. It just seems as though I had been to see the personal Jesus Christ. His perfect humanity and wonderful devinity were never so real to me before. Such a trip is a grand equipment for service.

My present work consists of teaching Psychology and Old Testament History in the College, and Comparative Religions and Old Testament Introduction and Exegesis in the Seminary. Besides which I preach once or twice a week and try to act my part as a missionary. The seminary has seven students, who are taught four lessons a day. Most of the students are Harpoot men, two being graduates and two being seniors of the College. I very much enjoy working with them. I am living alone in the upper floor of the three family house, while Mr Browne has the lower floor. I am boarding this term at the College (9 cents a day) so as to save money for a new type-writer, the present incumbent being mortally wounded by the Samsoun customs agent.

I suppose you painfully miss Dr. Smith in your office. And yet, as I thought of how sadly he mourned his wife, when I heard of his release I could not help exclaiming, "Thank God for his sake; how happy he must be with her again!" May God raise up just the man needed for that secretaryship.

Your work must have been very heavy these last six months. And I regret to learn that your wife has not had her usual health. You must be very grateful that God keeps you feeling so well. I suppose it is necessary that you should go on this deputation to China, but really, you should have a double who could stay in Boston to direct the office and organizing work. Perhaps you will lie back a bit and get a sort of rest out of the trip before you, also, even if it is such hard work. For as the strenuous Miss Shattuck says, "We take our recreation by changing the form of our work." You may be assured that the prayers of many missionary friends will follow you wherever you go.

We are specially praying this week for the meetings of the Board. Why should not a great revival start from this gathering?

The missionary activity of the churches is the thermometer of their spiritual vitality, and the Board is the organization which externally represents that Life. So we pray that a great blessing may come through your meetings. Whether you get the million dollars or not,(and I haven't a bit of doubt God will give the Board all they really need for true successs) you have had a wonderful amount of advertising, and certainly no church can longer plead that they never heard of the famous institution which made "tainted money" and"Million dollar campaign" household words. And the money is sure to come when the interest has been established.

We thank God often for the presence of Mr. Browne. He is a tower of strength and enthusiasm. He has taken hold of the teaching and missionary work with a vigor and intimate knowledge of just what is necessary, that will make him a great influence in this field. We regret that illness has not permitted Mr French to be his real self, so that he has not been able to let us really get acquainted with him yet. He seems to find Harpoot somewhat below his exalted ideal of what it would be, but if he has the true manly stuff in him, as you think, he will adjust himself and do his best.

As for Rev. Garabedian, I respect him highly, having known him personally in Lawrence, Mass. But just at present I do not see much of an opening for him here. However, I will put the matter before the other missionaries.

With best wishes,

Edward F. Carey

C. F. Carey

Harpoot Turkey Oct 9-1906.

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Harpoot, Nov.8th, 1906.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr Barton:-

Your letter of Oct. 1 is before me, containing notice of the $450 for the Seminary. I wish I could describe the joy ~~by~~ with which the announcement was received by the entire Station. Mr Knapp and Mr Browne came as near dancing as is consistent with their dignity. As for me, I had had such a calm trust that the Lord would take care of His work, that your announcement seemed to strike me as a thing which I had already known. How welcome and necessary is the money, you know as well as anyone. And we all suspect that the active getter of the sum was the Secretary who has from the first had such a vital interest in the progress of Christ's work in Harpoot. So that we are eager to thank not only the donor, but yourself as well.

Of course I shall write to the man who has given the money. I wish to do more. I wish to send him from time to time items of information about the institution and its students. He should be kept informed of the security and growth of his investment.

Congratulations on the success of the Annual Meeting. How soon do you start on the deputation work?

With best wishes for your personal health and happiness,

E. F. Caney

G. F. Oram

C. F. Carey

Harpoot - Turkey Nov. 8, 1906.

Harpoot, Feb. 12, 1907.

Dear Friend:-

The Seminary vacation lasted three weeks this year. According to our usual custom, both teachers and pupils scattered among the villages during that time, to engage in evangelistic work. After our return Mr Browne gathered us in the home of Miss Platt, and we listened to the "stories".

Mardiros Der Hovhannesian (Which name means, "The Martyr son of the priest John") spent his entire time in the village of Garmori. Altogether he held fifty four services. Especially the evening meetings were crowded, and a real revival spirit was manifest. Many Gregorians took cordial part in the prayers, although this is quite contrary to the formal and ceremonial spirit of their own church.

Armenag Sarajian visited several of the smaller villages, holding eleven services in all. At Pertag many young people walked over 3 miles to attend the meetings. At Ahmezra and Kompk, where only stoning and ridicule or coldness generally meet the missionary, he was received eagerly, taken to the church, and the message of the Gospel was given a glad hearing. These poor farmers have a dilapidated Gregorian church, but scarcely ever hear any religious service.

Armenag Siraganian spent all of his time in Shepik, where over 500 Armenians live without either priest or preacher. The only light of that town is a little Protestant school sustained by the Board. With tact and much patience Armenag was able to settle a long standing quarrel between two of the principle men, and to gain a promise from the people to pay for a teacher.

Asadoor Goshgarian visited Upper Hoch. There he was entertained by an old woman of wonderful Christian character, who is called by the villagers, "our angel". Through the influence of this woman, Asadoor was allowed to preach the Gospel in the Gregorian church, in the midst of a celebration of the Mass five hours in duration.

Hagop Israelian and Samuel Manoogian visited the large village of Bismachen, holding nearly thirty services. This is a place long under the training of the Gospel, and shows some progress. Their great curse formerly was the drinking of wine. But the Protestants have now reached that high stage of culture in which drunkeness seems unsuitable conduct for a church member!

Mr Browne and Hagop Depoian remained in Harpoot, assisting the services in various ways. Our city church did not experience the emotional revival which was seen here last year, but as one good brother said, "The spiritual growers grew".

C. F. Gary

Aram Siraganian visited Ahgun, Vank, and Ainetzik, holding forty two services altogether. Both Gregorians and Protestants came great distances to attend the meetings, and among the younger people there were many who gave their lives to God.

Altogether the Seminary students visited 9 pastorless towns, and held 175 meetings.

Mr Knapp spent part of the vacation time in the mining town of Maden. One of last year's graduates, Hovhannes Ashodian, has been preaching there for several months. But the selfishness of one or two of the older brethren, and their irregularity about church funds, needed the presence of a missionary. Some of the money troubles were straightened out while Mr Knapp was there, but the spiritual condition of a part of the brethren is still far from the ideal.

I went to Arabkir, a cloth weaving city of 25000 inhabitants, on the other side of the Euphrates river. 7500 of the population are of the Gregorian sect. They have a Vartabed, four priests, seventeen teachers, and 750 pupils. The Protestants number 500, of whom over 100 are active church members. The boy's school has 80, and the girl's school has 35 pupils. Just now the church is without a pastor, and the meetings of the week of prayer were consequently attended by men and women spiritually hungry. Among the young men a spontaneous movement arose toward joining the church. So on communion Sunday there was a harvest of thirteen. During the impressive scene, as those earnest young people stood up before the altar, to confess Christ before men, a tragic event occurred. In the back of the crowded church a rough young man made such a disturbance that ~~I stopped~~ the service until he could be expelled. And that young man went home to his mother, who had in the morning herself been to church, and as he sat down beside her, she suddenly died from a stroke of apoplexy! Twenty four hours after his expulsion from church, careless and proud, he stood beside the coffin of his mother in that same church, crying for the mercy of God. And the young men who have newly entered as church members had a meeting in which they promised to work with God in guiding that stricken man into Life, and to actively labor for the saving of the youth of the city.

Saved to serve; such is the ideal of each of us, which we work out in our various parts of the world. One need not be in Africa or Turkey to find opportunity to help others in the Christ spirit. The only difference is that here, the people are so ignorant, and their old Gregorian church is so formal and inadequate, and the youth are so ambitious and promising, that to preach and teach to them the Gospel of Righteousness and Love is a special privilege and pleasure.

Yours Truly,

E. F. Carey,

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Rec'd APR 29 1907

Ans'd AUG 30 1907
Per Miss Bush

Harpoot, April 2, 1907.

To the Prudential Committee of the American Board,

Care of Mr Enoch Bell;-

At a meeting of the missionaries of Harpoot this noon Miss Bush presented this strong letter in behalf of the building in HUILOO. It was voted that the letter go as the official expression of our opinion of the needs of that church. We wish, however, to be allowed to use at discretion any money that you may deem right for the purpose. That is to say, if by the time any money reaches us the circumstances shall have changed, we desire to feel at liberty to withhold a part of the funds, or add somewhat more to them as circumstances dictate at that time.

Miss Bush has not depicted any too strongly the great need in the village. The neglect which the ruined churches of this field have enjoyed from the Board for the last seven years has had a disheartening effect both upon the natives and the missionaries of this station. As one of the pastors said the other day at the Cooperative meeting, "It would seem as though the Board had no trust in Turkey, and did not care to set up anything lasting here". Of course the Prudential committee have appeals until they are sick of them. And of course they will remain case-hardened until they see some of the actual conditions of a mission field.

Respectfully,

Edw. L. Carey
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Harpoot, Turkey
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Harpoot, May 9th, 1907.

Ans. The Easter of the Gregorian calendar was about a month later than that of the European churches this year. The old Armenian church makes much of Passion Week. So the theological teachers and students of Harpoot scattered during that time to preach the Gospel to needy villages.

Mr. Browne went to Huilu, where he held communion in a wide awake church of 136 members, whose preacher, Setrak Ekmekjian, graduate of the Seminary last year, is soon to be ordained over them as pastor. The people are very desirous to add a Kindergarten to their schools, and to build a new church. Mr. Knapp, who was gone two weeks before Easter, visited eight of our outstations near Farkin and Diarbekir, and made some very satisfactory arrangements for next year's work among the Kurdish speaking Armenians. Mr. Carey gave a stereopticon lecture on the Life of Christ and held communion in Bismachen.

Samuel Manoogian has been supplying the pulpit of Bismachen during the year. He has organized a Y.M.C.A. which has done great service in the Temperance cause. The annual village expenditure for wine alone is the same as the annual appropriation of the American Board for evangelical work in all of our out-stations,- $1320. Easter season in Turkey means a solemn church ceremony at sunrise, and then a gala holiday of gambling and dancing and fine-clothes-parade till sunset. So Samuel found difficulty in getting people to attend his daily prayermeetings. But one

morning, when the whole population was gathered near the cemetary according to their custom, to watch and see if Christ would come and open the graves for the dead to rise, at the people's request Samuel preached. For two hours and a half the great crowd eagerly listened to the message of eternal life.

Asadoor Goshgarian visited five villages, in every one of which he was gladly heard in the Gregorian churches. Gradually this mother Armenian church is learning that the object of evangelical preaching is merely to restore to Armenians their vital Gospel now buried in Gregorian ceremonialism; exposition, not opposition.

Aram Siraganian spent his time at Aghun, 35 miles away, where he formerly was preacher. He found the people growing religiously, but somewhat hungry, as they have had no other preacher since he left. This village has received missionary care for about thirty years, and now almost every inhabitant is an evangelical christian.

Mardiros Der Hovhannesian worked in Garmori, where he has been supplying this year. He reported a sustained interest in the eight meetings held.

Armenag Siraganian held ten services in Shuhaji. Of the 50 houses there, 12 are Protestant. The people are very hungry, having had no regular preacher for nearly two years. On Easter Sunday Armenag and the church members walked three miles to Ichme, where Pastor Baghdasar held communion.

Armenag Saragian visited Aghunzik, and his brother, the preacher of that place, could then go on to the forlorn mountain village of Sarakamish. Armenag reported the people in a more

quiet condition politically and a more active condition spiritually than they were last Christmas when he visited there.

Hagop Depoian visited the distant village of Ashvan, population 350, where the light of evangelical religion has scarcely ever penetrated. The Gregorian church is an almost dark room,like a "dug-out", furnished with a clay floor, and adorned with some poor pictures of the Virgin Mother and St. George and the Dragon, before which candles are lighted. The right to read aloud the whole book of Daniel on the night preceding Easter was sold at auction, the price sta rting at 8 and ending at 88 cents. The people urged that Hagop read it, so that they could understand it, but the illiterate priest was jealous, and opposed their wish. So he stumbled through the book in the ancient ceremonial language intelligible to almost none of the audience. Being disgusted, the people gathered outside of the church in the morning, and two open air services were addressed by our student. Fearing to lose his influence, the priest then invited Hagop to speak in the church, which he did, urging that there is no opposition between the Gospel and the Gregorians. When Hagop came to speak again the next day, the priest again forbade him. Whereupon the people made a tumult, and dema nded that the priest be removed and the whole village become Protestant and have a preacher and school. Hagop succeeded in quieting them, and of course explained that our missionary object is not to make Protestants but Christians. The people were reconciled again with their priest, with whom it

seems they have long been dissatisfied, united in their selection of a site for their new school, ready with their promises of money for the support of a teacher. Of course people so low in their ignorance will need years of Gospel education, and there are many such poor towns where only the poverty of mission funds prevents the people from hearing the words of Life. Hagop was rejoiced to find on this trip three nominal Mohammedans who have secretly embraced Christianity, and desired Bibles.

In all, the seven students visited eleven villages, and held fifty services. As Father Barnum remarked at the happy meeting where these reports were given, "Only God can tell the results for His Kingdom from these missionary tours." But even we can testify to the spiritual awakening in the hearts of missionaries and students, resulting from our attempts to evangelize these needy villages. Freely we have received, and freely we give, but it is indeed more blessed to give than to receive.

We take pleasure in announcing that the entire expenses for these tours has already been met by one of our lady missionaries from her own purse, and also, that the support ($45.) of a Seminary student during his course this year has been assumed by the Congregational church of Princeton, Ill.

E. P. Cary

G. F. Carey

Harpoot - May 9-1907,

Personal letter

Rec'd JAN 31 1908

Harpoot, Jan. 1st, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Sir:-

It is with great satisfaction that we notice your presence again in the office. Your letters have all the old vigorous ring. I take it that you have returned to your work improved both in health and first hand information.

The Seminary class is in prosperous condition. The daily schedule includes Prayers at 9 A.M., then Mr Rigg's class in Clarke's Systematic Theology, then at 11 Mr Knapp's lesson in Fisher's Church History: at 1:15 P.M. Mr Browne gives Homiletics the text book being Broadus' Preparation and delivery of Sermons; at 2:30 I teach Old Testament Theology, using as basis typewritten copies of Kautsch's work in the fifth volume of Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible. The students have their class prayer meeting on Friday evening. All but three of the ten have regular sabbath preaching places, being paid from 30 to 270 piasters a month for their services.

Exclusive of Seminary work and occasional preaching, I have 16 classes a week in the College; Psychology, Old Testament History, English Literature, and English Composition. Besides this I have six other various classes a week, and am a member of the College Board of Managers, the Orphanage Committee, the City Charity Committee, and the Cooperation Committee.

I am to inform you that this week recorded the following

station action: Voted, That Mr and Mrs Stapleton be invited to come to Harpoot for a season... Voted, That in the hope that a new missionary family may be immediately appointed to go to Erzroom, the mission should somehow attempt to supply Erzroom's temporary need by a readjustment of its forces according to the suggestions contained in your mission letter of Nov. 26, 1907. Correspondence has already begun with Erzroom to find out what sort of a man they need.

The price of commodities here is still going up. Some things are now three times as expensive as they were last year.

Mrs Carey joins me in sincere regards,

Edward F. Carey

Edward F. Carey

Harpoot - Turkey - Jan. 1-1908.

Stapleton to
Harpoot

Rec'd MAY 11 1908

Harpoot, April 16th, 1908.

Dr. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

Interested as you are in the religious and theological education of the people of this Harpoot field, I am sure you will listen with interest to the personal confidence I have to amke in this letter.

It has been apparent for some time that there would not be enough applications for entrance into next years theological seminary class to pay for starting one. At present there are only three who wish to enter, and only one of those is suitable. Further, the missionaries here feel that they should give their undivided attention to their own departments for a year or two at least, and that the field needs to be toured. And the immediate need for protestant laborers in the churches already organized will be nearly supplied by the present class.

At a station meeting some three months ago the urgent need of Erzroom was discussed, and in absence of any other aid appearing, Mrs. Carey and I suggested that under certain conditions we might go there for a year or two. Up to the present no one of those conditions has been fulfilled, and our offer has been received with so much coolness everywhere that we have rather lost enthusiasm. There is work enough for us both here in the College, and more than enough, in the field.

This year I have been teaching four classes a day in the college. I am willing to do as much again next year, if it is necessary, but as I have this year had in addition to this college work the work of the Seminary, so I wish to give some of my time next year to the theological education of the people of this field. And as the Protestant Seminary is to be closed, I wish to work for the Gregorians. In a word, I want to work for the theological education of the priests.

Protestant preaching does not directly reach a fifth of the Armenians on Harpoot plain. The way to reach the other four fifths is to go to them. The way to go to them is in the multiplied fashion of native helpers. The Protestant church here has been a Christ-sent example and a marvelous agent in uplifting the people, but the more effective and permanent reformation for which the Gregorians are now ready must be from within. And now is the accepted time. The head of the gregorian schools in Mezereh is giving lectures on Armenian church history in our seminary. In many talks with him I have had the opportunity to observe that he has an enlightened mind and a heart full of deep religious feelings. One day in lamenting with him the miserably ignorant condition of the forty or fifty priests of our plain, I asked him why they had no priest's seminary. "Oh, if we only could have one", he exclaimed, "how gladly and freely I would give my time to it!" So we had several conferences about it, finally deciding on a sort of course of study, the teachers, the place, etc. "But of course", he said, finally, "the students would have to be given the money for their bread while they study, and while our church committee will be glad to give what we can, we are unable to give all that will be needed". "If I am to be one of the teachers of the school", I replied, " perhaps our Board would show its interest enough to give fifty turkish pounds for two years". I cannot explain to you how glad he was made by such a possibility. I presented the matter in our station meeting. The missionaries unanimously approving it, Mr. Browne merely adding that it would be well to get the Gregorian's definite proposals in the matter, I went down to Mezereh. I had a long session with the Arachnort. When he heard the proposition he was enthusiastic. "For a year and a half we have had this matter before the church committee, and the only thing that has prevented its having been

undertaken long ago has been lack of sufficient funds. We have the income of two monasteries, part of which could be given to the seminary, and with what your Board would furnish, we could collect the 100 or 120 pounds necessary for the work". I told him to remember that I had not the money in hand, that there were many obstacles to overcome in getting it, that the approval of the project must be had from the Eastern Turkey Mission, which would require a long time, that the Prudential committee of Boston was making every effort to be economical and might not continue half of the present 100 pounds a year aid to the seminary, etc.

The conditions laid down by our station are now under consideration of the Committee, and I hope in a short time to give you their answer. The Gregorians are enthusiastic. The need for priests in the villages is just now acute, the need for educated priests is chronic. The Vartabed thinks that twenty young men of twenty five can be collected, I tell him that we will be content with ten of the right quality. His plan is to repair one of their buildings near the center of Mezereh, to have five teachers, to have the course of study include Bible, Armenian church history and dogma, Homiletics, etc.

What do you think of it? What would happen in Harpoot field if the priests became intelligent evangelists?

How I wish you could just step down to our Seminary room in Wheeler Hall and lead prayers tomorrow morning, I am sure you would find our students so intelligently appreciative that you would wish to go on talking during Mr. Riggs's Theology hour, and that Mr. Riggs would allow you to do so.

Mrs Carey sends cordial greetings,
With best wishes for your health and work,
Edward F. Carey-

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Harpoot, July 29th, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I take great pleasure in being able to report that so far the project of an Armenian Seminary has progressed sucessfully.

You will remember that when I wrote to you in April we were awaiting the answer of the Gregorians to the following proposals,

1. That the Armenian Seminary be under the sole management of Khosrov Vartabed and his Religious Committee in Mezereh.

2. That the Seminary be actually run for a time not less than ten months nor more than twenty four.

3. That at least ten regular students be in attendance during a majority of the session.

4. That a missionary of the American Board be one of the regular members of the Seminary's faculty, teaching not less than four nor more than eight hours a week during the whole school session the Bible and whatever other subject the management may see fit.

5. Under these conditions the Harpoot missionaries agree to apply to the Board for aid at the rate of fifty pounds per year.

After due consideration the Religious Committee of this state sent the following official reply;

The American Mission's endeavors which among others to us as the orthodox Armenian Church bring sincere and practical evidences of spiritual and mental progress for the priesthood, receive in like measure from us gratitude and respect. Therefore, in order that the undertaking of a Seminary may have that issue we wish, the Arachnort and Religious and Civil Committee after several sessions have agreed upon the following conditions which behold we present to you.

1. The Seminary is to be established in Susuri Monastary, half an hour's journey from Mezereh.

2. We judge it reasonable that under this name a seminary should be organized with a three year's course to bring forth the desired result.

3. In the Seminary there shall study twelve married men, memberso of the Armenian Church, graduates of a preparatory school, and no matter where from, they must bring testimonials of good conduct and Christian character from trustworthy persons of their place.

4. It is encouraging to us to see that one of the missionaries sympathetic with the spirit of the Armenian church is willing to visit and teach in our Seminary, in which part we agree. While the Seminary will give the first place to religious studies, there will be taught also at separate times and by specialists, Poli Civil Law, Hygiene, Political Economy, Scientific Agriculture , etc.,

5. The arrangement of the internal program of the Seminary belonging independantly to us, it is unnecessary for any visiting teacher to have the right of interupting our plans. Such an Armenian institution in its entirety and detail must be under the oversight and management of the present Arachnort and his Religious Committee.

6. When the Mission will please to aid our institution 50 pounds yearly , uniting with the 100 pounds which we place at the disposal of the institution, naturally we shall accept the cooperation with thankful gratitude.

For the good of the Armenian Church, for the present these being our fundamental conditions, hoping we hope that this matter will receive the attention of the christian missionaries for the sake of the Armenian christian church.

(Official signature)

This document being presented to the Harpoot missionaries, their approval was expressed.

In the meeting of the Eastern Turkey Mission held here July 1st this matter was referred to the Educational committee. Mr. Emrich also had a proposition for the starting of a theological class down in Mardin. Both Mr. Emrich and I were on the Educational Committee. Both propositions had the hearty support of the mission, but how could a present appropriation of $500. be made to yield 100 pounds for Mardin and 50 pounds for Harpoot? In a very christian spirit Mr. Emrich offered to split the sum, Mardin taking 50 and Harpoot having 50 pounds. Whereupon, like a Turkish bargainer, I said that Harpoot should have 35 and Mardin 65 pounds, the rest being made up by private solicitation. So the minute of the committee read in that way, and was accepted. The plan of the Seminary was commended by many.

Two weeks ago, at my request, the Vartabed and Tavit Effendi came out to the garden to talk over plans. We had only a short conversation, but I had time to see that the Vartabed was alive to the fact that such an institution would need considerable funds, and he had a high ideal of how it should be managed in a business way. We made an appointment to go together to the Monastary this week.

So last Monday, mounted on horses, we went together the 40 minutes to Susuri Vank. Even at this dry season of the year there was considerable mud in places, for the land is low. The Vartabed took me over the premises. The three buildings are in poor repair. Money would be needed to prepare them for a class. Then we had a long consultation over the course of study; result---

Hours.	Subject,	Teacher.
2	Armenian	Tavit Effendi Khachgontz.
4	Armenian	Priest Aristarches,
3	Writing lessons	" "
4	Armenian Religion	" "
4	French	" "
4	Turkish	" "
2	History	Tavit Effendi Khachgontz.
2	Geography	" " "
3	Arithmetic	Mugerdich Teacher.
3	Singing	Nushan Teacher.
2	Natural Sciences	" "
4	Religion of the Bible	Mr. Carey.

Tavit Effendi, you will remember, is the exile from Constantinople, author of serveral books on Armenian Church history, etc. , head of the Mezereh Central High School, of which Nushan and Mugerdich are experienced teachers. The Priest Aristarches is an enlightened man, educated in Etchmiadzen.

To bring those teachers from Mezereh to the Vank would be an expense of some $50. in money and several hundred hours of traveling time. In Winter the mud would make the roads almost impassible. Therefore after much discussion it was decided to re-

commend to the Committee that a house be rented in the city .

We then considered the following budget...

9000	Students food,		
3000	Priest's salary	6500	income of two monastaries
1500	heat and light		
300	furniture	2000	contributions of villages
1000	books		
1500	rent of building	5400	Board aid
1200	two teachers		
600	cook.		
18100	piasters expenses.	13900	piasters income.

(Expecting the school to be in Susuri, the rent of their buildings there would complete the hundred pounds they promised)

So just get a picture in your mind of a house in Mezereh, a large front room, in which are seated on some coarse chairs about a dozen honest looking farmer boys from the villages, each chosen by his community to study three years and then be their priest. In the first year the studies will be the primitive ones shown in the list; in the second year and third the course will be more strictly theological.

I was in Bismashen Sunday, and according to my custom, called on the Gregorian priest. He told me with great enthusiasm about the great Khosrov Vartabed, and how he is going to open a Seminary for priests and the great results for christianity it would make. And I sat there so innocently listening as though it were all news to me!

I wish I could be sure where the lacking 15 pounds of Board aid is to come from, and of course the Arachnort is worrying about his deficit of 1500 piasters occasioned by the fact that a new house must be rented in Mezereh now we have decided that we cannot go to Susuri, but the undertaking has gone so far, and seems such a worthy project, and so sure to be blessed of the Lord that I cannot feel it right to draw back for the lack of a few pounds. Rather, I shall contribute some more money beyond the five pounds I have already subscribed.

Yours, Cordially

E. F. Carey

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1000 books	
1800 rent of building	6400 Board aid
1200 two teachers	
600 cook.	
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(Expecting the school to be in Suwari, the rent of their buildings there would complete the hundred pounds they promised)

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Your faithful friend
Ely Carson

Received July 29 1908

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Harpoot, Aug. 21, 1908.

Dr. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Turkey has suddenly turned from being an ice wagon into being an automobile. Things are happening so fast and there are so many explosions and so much sputtering at the start that we are getting nervous and excited.

Cheered by the examples of Russia and Persia, and stung on to it by decades of oppression, the Turks have arisen to demand constitutional freedom. Having received it, the people of Constantinople went around to the homes of various officials there and demanded that they sware by the constitution or resign. The history of those mobs was printed in the papers which come to Harpoot. The exiles and Young Turk party living here thereuppn formed a committee, shall we call it a vigilance committee? - which undertook to do the same sort of cleaning out of official stables as had been done in the Capital. Some twentyfive officers, such as mayor, superintendant of streets, and so on, were put on a list and a howling mob visited them, compelling several to resign. Of course these will now head a reactionary party and soon we shall have all the scenes of a regular Revolution, and small fights between the conservatives and the radicals.

All of which was done by Turks, the Christians keep-well out from under foot. But there never is a circus without a side-show, and the Armenians, though wisely refraining from meddling with the problems of the Turks, proceded to look after

the officers in their own little nation, the church. The first man into whose career it was decided to inquire was the Vartabed Khosrof. His yearly budget is 3000. pounds. He was asked to give an account of his stewardship. That night he fled ten hours to the river. The Armenians complained to the vigilance committee. They sent, captured the poor vartabed, and yesterday he was, I understand, brought back to Mezereh. Mr. Knapp happened to be there, and to see Tavit Effendi Khatchgontz. He asked him if all this would make any difference with our plans for the Armenian Seminary. Tavit was dubious, but hoped the school could be gotten together: He wishes to devote at least a year of his own life to it.

I send you this hurried note in order to let you know in what ticklish times we are living, and what a wide open door stands before us, and yet how neatly we have to walk in order to keep our plans from rediculous failure. I am just going to Mezereh to find out the truth of all this, and I hope to be able to give you something definite before long.

The Harpoot Theological Seminary Building is to be rented next year to the College for 12 and one half pounds. I hope that there will be no objection to our adding that to the 35 promised by the mission to the Gregorian seminary.

I hope the Prudential Committee will encourage our using the college press, so long sealed.

Yours truly,
Edw. J. Carey

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Harpoot, Turkey, Aug. 21 1908

C. T. Carey

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Harpoot, Aug. 27, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston -

Dear Dr Barton:-

I am sorry that up to the present no more definite information can be given about the Gregorian Seminary. But so much we can hope - that the matter is only postponed.

After mailing your note last week I went to the Arachnortaran in Ulgerch. There was collected quite a crowd - priests, members of the civil-religious committee, o Javit Effendi Khatchgonty. They were quite excited. When I asked about the Vartabed they had a smooth official answer ready that the committee had decided that the people of Egin needed shepherding and he had gone there for a season. Javit told the truth, probably, when he said that being personally afraid of the violent mob that was tearing things down last week, the Vartabed was in politic hiding for a time. I then begged the committee to allow the defection of a Vartabed to have no hindering effect upon their Seminary plans. They assured

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we that they realized that under this new regime of freedom an educated priesthood is an absolute necessity, and they were pledged to give their moral and financial support to the project.

"But are you in sympathy?" I asked the priests. "Heartily," answered the very sensible priest of Mezereh: "Upon an educated priesthood depends the future of the Armenian church, amid the added trials of worldliness and infidelity that this new political order is bound to bring."

"It is only a postponement," Zavit Effendi assured me. "If this mob had not spoiled our plans, we should have rented our building and sent out for students today. In the present turmoil we must lose about six weeks. But we'll see the Seminary succeeding soon — I am giving my life to it this year."

Yesterday it was reported that the Vartabed is to be examined today. His accounts are a little short, according to the people's claim.

Until the Seminary opens I am busy in the Orphanage Industrial department, and in the College.

With hearty good wishes to you,

I am yours truly

E. F. Carey

C. C. Carey

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Harpoot, Oct. 4th, 1908.

Rev. J. L. Barton, Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The present trend of events here, if somewhat disturbing, is at least very interesting to us. The political upheaval has not only directly affected our work by unsealing our two presses, both now busy under President Rigg's able direction, but also touches us indirectly in many ways. Some 500 people have just left this vilayet, while about 25 have returned, mostly from America. Some of those returning will be a great source of strength, for example, in the Huilu church. The spirit of revolt has, however, had rather distructive results in some places. The Diarbekir Protestant church, which has for some time been troubled by strife between the native Diarbekir members and the faction composed of those from Haine, Farkin, and other places, has been split by the secession of the Stranger's party. The Protestant church in Mezereh is on the verge of separation on the question of who shall rule, the non-communicants, parishioners who desire infant baptism of non-members children, or communicants, "Spiritualists, Puritans" who will not allow indiscriminate baptism.

The Armenian national self-consciousness is aroused. The head of the Gregorian grammar schools of Harpoot openly says that the Armenians no longer need the Americans to help their schools,- they can manage their own. In Ichme

there were two Armenians to one Turk elected as members of the state convention. In all the state the Armenians work intelligently and somewhat unitedly, displaying a genius for politics scarcely found among the Turks. A group of village Turks fretting against this turn of affairs were thus rebuked by a Bey, "These Armenians have had schools for the last forty years; who among you ignorant Turks can read?" In the College dormitory national and revolutionary songs are often heard, speeches are political, cheering is vociferous. In last weeks (prayer) meeting, Wednesday, Niazi Bey and the other revolutionists were cheered and the sultan evil spoken of. In the Sunday A.M. service in the Protestant church here the preacher said that the aid given by the Missionaries had made the people fawning parasites, they should rise and build their own Jerusalem.

The Gregorians of Mezereh are sharply divided into factions. The present party in power have celebrated by destroying much accomplished by their predecessors. Tavit Effendi has been dismissed and has returned to Constantinople; the Vartabed is giving his accounts preparatory to leaving in disgrace. Thus the two pillars of our Gregorian Seminary scheme are sacrificed in the general upheaval. This by-product of the political turmoil is most discouraging to me. It is the hope of the future of the Gregorian church, strangled in political-ecclesiastical strife. The Gregorians of Keserik have become so bitterly opposed to each other that last week a group of young men shot the

-3- leader of the other faction. On the other hand it is very encouraging to see that the young men of both Protestants and Gregorians of all the quarters of this city have organized an Aradtzane (Sow Freely) Society for the purpose of promoting the mental, moral, and physical progress of the Armenians. They will have a Lyceum lecture and political debate program, from time to time give uplifting plays, sustain a reading room and library, promote the schools, establish a girl's school, a Kindergarten and a night school, and maintain a gymnasium. I have made them one speech at their invitation, and if I can gain their confidence perhaps they will allow me to teach in their night school.

The liberty of speech has extended to some criticism of missionaries in public; today before a thousand people I heard them called "strangers","cold", "unjust, mistake-makers", etc. The people are suggesting that Mr. Knapp ought to publish his accounts, and as all our funds are meant for Armenians, there should be a board of Armenian Managers. All of which is yeasty talk, but the slanders will naturally die and we will pray for well-raised bread.

The new opportunities are challenging us, and every day we thank God for the large work ahead. The missionaries' hopes and aims are bound up in the betterment of the Armenian people; we rejoice in their liberty, sympathize with their patriotism, and offer Christian instruction to remove their ignorant discord.

With best wishes, personally

E. F. Carey

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Politics and Religion in Harpoot.

The new régime in Turkey, which has begun so quietly and with such great success, is of course watched with greatest interest by all the world. Especially in Constantinople the turns of political affairs have great significance for European politics. But for us who work here in the interior and have to do with a people not so well prepared for self-government, and not so well informed of European liberal ideals, the political condition of the people immediately surrounding us is of special concern. American missionaries are on the field to preach first of all "the Kingdom of God and His righteousness", but when we remember that that Kingdom was a social condition of freedom and brotherhood it becomes our concern, by methods of education, sanitation, and social service of many sorts, to uplift the whole level of civilization of the people as well as to endeavor to save souls to eternity.

After the first publishing of the revived Constitution in July, and the wild demonstrations, led especially by Turks who had been many years here in exile, there was somewhat of a reaction and the people quieted down for a couple of months. Then they began to realize more deeply that the whole thing was really true and that it meant for them new opportunities commercially and educationally. The freedom of the press brought to us a flood of newspapers, many of which had just started. Even the students in the College began to publish several papers of their own, printed on hectographs. There was very general interest in the election of the three members to Parliament, and politics became all over our state an absorbing topic, and words which we had never before used or heard or seen printed became quite frequent.

The most practical outcome of all this political interest was the organization of lyceums or lecture associations in almost every city and town in our state. Where formerly two or three men could not be seen talking together without falling under suspicion, now it is the custom many evenings a week, and always on Sunday, to have public meetings where politics, religion, education, commerce, sanitary conditions and socialism are enthusiastically discussed. The forming of these associations, their organization, the election of officers, and their general management has furnished a most delightful occupation for the Armenian people, so eager to express the depth of their feelings and in so many ways educated and fitted for it in the missionary schools.

During the last month there has been a special opportunity for some of us Americans to participate in the lyceums held in and about Harpoot. When first we heard of the proclamation of freedom we had hoped that the Armenian people would naturally turn to us, who were born and reared in an atmosphere of liberty and who have all our lives practiced the principles of self-government, and our expectations were not in vain. Our work for the people nationally has been added to our former work for them, which was educational and spiritual, and we rejoice in the broader opportunity which is now presented to us.

On Saturday evening, Nov. 7th, in the orphanage building here in Harpoot, was held a meeting for the discussion of present opportunities for Armenians. The manager of the orphanage, Mr. Knapp, has as his object in holding these meetings Saturday evenings the information which the orphans may gain concerning civil government and the news of the day. It was very pleasant to see some 250 boys and girls so enthusiastic as they sang their national songs.

One song praises the God of freedom who breathed into mankind

the love of liberty and who has guided the race up to the present with the ideals of freedom finally to come. Another song, sad and mournful, describes an old man who asks that on his grave may be written, "One who longed for the freedom which came not in his time but which must surely come in God's time." Mr. Knapp explained to the orphans the methods and results of our American presidential election, and I spoke to them upon selecting a calling or business in view of the new opportunities now before them.

Sunday, Nov. 8th, I was invited to speak in Mezereh, the seat of the state government, three miles from Harpoot. There the Central Gregorian school and the church are together in the same plot of ground. The school is a large building on the second floor of which I found a group of young men busy reading the newspapers and discussing the recent events. The reading-room there is carried on by one of our last year's College graduates. The purposes of their young men's association are partly religious and partly political; indeed the very juxtaposition of the church and school in the same yard may indicate how through all the history of the Armenian Church the desire for education, freedom and progress has been central, and now when the opportunity has come to them the young men do not forget their Church nor the God who gave them the Constitution. Religion and politics are for many of them but two sides of the same problem of life. It is a great pity that the 300 members of this young men's association have no central Y.M.C.A. building and are not yet united with the other young men's associations which are found all over the country. If there could be some adjustment of the pledge of the Y.M.C.A. so as to make it not only Christian but also nationalistically Armenian, that form of organization could be thoroughly established in Turkey in a few months. We found a great crowd

of men and women in the church, well dressed, earnest, intelligent, the solid young men of this state. After the introduction by the principal of the school I could not help but notice with what strained attention everyone leaned forward to hear what an American would say to Armenians. The subject of the speech was "Practical Ideals and Present Opportunities." The whole affair had the appearance partly of a sermon and partly of a political speech, for while some sort of whispered "amens" at some of the sentiments which they approved, others gave groans or laughter or applause in response. Prof. Vorperian, of Euphrates College, spoke also upon the future of the Armenian nation, which must continue to exist because they have never lifted sword against any other nation, because of the blood of the martyrs which has been spilt for the sake of Christianity, because of the real worth of the people themselves, because of the solid form of organization and the beautiful ritual of their Church, and because, finally, God is righteous. His subject elicited great applause. At the end a large collection was taken for the famine sufferers in Sasoon, and there were copies distributed of my sermon on "Christ the True Liberator," which has just been printed by Euphrates press.

After the meeting was over we went to the house of a prosperous druggist, where, with half a dozen other young men, all of them better dressed than myself, we discussed the prestige which the new government had gained by putting down Ibrahim Pasha, the dangers which the reactionaries still had in store for us, the three Turkish representatives who had just gone to Constantinople, and the general hopeful outlook for business in the whole country.

On Nov. 12th, in Wheeler Hall in Harpoot, the orphans celebrated the 13th anniversary of the terrible Armenian massacres. The

ecorations in the hall were beautiful and symbolic, the essays were excellent, and the whole affair was managed by the orphans themselves. lthough Priest Khoren suggested that Armenians should carry a Bible n one hand and a gun in the other, the emphasis of the speeches on the hole was on forgiveness, reconstruction and progress.

On Sunday, Nov. 15th, I went to speak in Husenik, a mile east f Harpoot. I was greatly impressed as I entered the great Gregorian hurch, with its pillars and dome, to see a crowded audience, there eing also women in the two galleries. Many of the young men had on he new style of cap which is produced here in this Vilaiet, and which s one of the industrial results of the present cry of "Turkey for the urks!" The event was a memorial service to the Catholicos, Mugerdich, n the first anniversary of his death. The priest spoke a fine eulogy n "Our Little Father from Crimea." My speech was on the practical dvice of the Catholicos, emphasizing some excellent and sensible houghts of that great leader, who died just too early to see the day or which all his life he had worked. I could not but notice, however, that some of my cautions were not well received by the rasher ouths. A chorus of boys sang several revolutionary songs about blood nd guns. A young man read an essay in which he denounced the failure f England to help the Armenians, the immoral and superficial leaderhip of France and Turkey, and the double-faced, foxy conduct of Gerany, and the necessity for revenge upon the Turks and all who had njured the Armenians. He was followed by Kevork Effendi Zooloomian, recent graduate of Euphrates College, who made an earnest and digified appeal for the ideal Armenian character, founded on family irity, universal education, and earnest religion. Moderation was also rged by the Chairman, a tailor named "Resurrection," who has recently

returned from a very instructive visit to Constantinople where he conferred with some of the Young Turk Party. The meeting was followed by a long visit with the men of the Gregorian Church and a very interesting conversation in which they showed distrust of the Old Turks yet great hope in the new party. Then I had a visit with the young men, who showed me their library and reading-room, and who spoke of their plans for giving a play and for helping in the school work. In my sermon at the Protestant church in the evening of the same day I urged union with the Gregorians in political and educational matters, but that they should have a higher spiritual standard than the Gregorians in their religion.

Sunday, Nov. 22d, Prof. Bujicanian, who has recently returned to our College from two years in Edinburgh, spoke in Husenik on "The Need and Value of Clubs and Conferences." In Hulakegh, seven miles west of Harpoot, the young men's association was newly formed in the Gregorian school building. The priest was told not to come because it was suspected that he has reactionary tendencies. After some hesitation the pastor of the Protestant church was invited. The object of the association was stated to be to renovate the town, to turn out unfaithful officials, and to enjoy the pleasure of bossing for a season. Several suggested the use of force and guns and the pastor was almost driven out of the room when he advised moderation. We regret to say that although all over this field many Armenians have returned from America and have brought new life to their towns and honor to our country, there are others who in America knew nothing but the lowest factory life and who present a great problem to some of our weaker communities. In Harpoot, in the Gregorian church of the lower quarter, the young men's association was addressed by Baron Ezekiel, recently graduated from our Theological

Seminary. His subject was the duty of the Armenians toward the Young Turk Party, and he urged commercial, educational and religious progress, not forgetting, however, Armenian claims, even to the bearing of arms for self-protection. Dr. Kamboorian, President of the Euphrates College Alumni, preached in the upper quarter Protestant church in the afternoon, urging seriousness, moderation, and active, practical assistance to the missionary, sanitary and educational forces at work for the uplifting of the Armenians. He greatly disapproved of the spiteful criticism that has recently appeared in an Armenian newspaper condemning the missionaries.

Thursday, Nov. 26th, was our Thanksgiving day. Thinking that the Armenians now have somewhat for which to be sincerely grateful a meeting was held in Wheeler Hall Thursday morning. It was an inspiring sight to see present nearly 1000 people, both the male and female departments of Euphrates College and preparatories. Mr. Knapp gave an informing historical address on the origin and observance of Thanksgiving day, and Prof. Vorperian gave some reasons why the Armenian nation should be thankful; because God had restored to them their rights and given them unbounded opportunities for educational and spiritual progress. The professor was vigorously applauded when he said that the Armenian nation was still a nation, and that in his own time the God of justice would make it a self-governing nation.

Saturday, Nov. 28th, the Protestant young men's association of Husenik gave an entertainment, charging five and ten cents admission. There was a matinee for women only held in the Protestant church. After the opening prayer there were several songs, religious and otherwise, and there was some instrumental music. Then I gave a lecture on the

Life of Christ and His home in Palestine, illustrated by some 100 views shown through the College magic lantern. The visible presentation of the life of the world's greatest Man made a great impression, and many of the women personally expressed their gratitude after the entertainment was over. I was taken to dinner at the house of an old Protestant who gave me many reminiscences of the first missionaries. "One day," said he,"Mr. Wheeler came to my store and slapped me on the back and said, 'You are of teachers' timber,' so he made me learn to read and I became a member of the School Board. But though I never was a teacher my son is now the head of the large Protestant school at Oorfa." At dinner one of the other guests was a Turk who spoke most kindly and sensibly about the relation of the Turks and Armenians. The young men who were giving the entertainment, however, expressed some doubt about the success of the evening as there were to be some fifty Turks present. Imagine the scene into which I arrived, through dark, dirty, and narrow streets, outside a great howling mob, who were with difficulty controlled by an inexperienced policeman, and inside a quiet and orderly houseful, all alive with expectancy over Husenik's first public entertainment. And there they were, those Turks. Some of them were rough looking specimens, but the majority were army officers and civil officials, among whom were to be seen the secretary of the Governor and Ali Effendi, the Principal of the Turkish school in Husenik. After a prayer in Turkish and an address of welcome by Baron Samuel, a recent graduate of our Theological Seminary, an excellent concert was given by the young men. The lecture on the Life of Christ was given, the pictures being explained in Armenian and a translation being made also into Turkish. The Turks paid excellent attention, being especially interested in the

odern pictures of Jerusalem and the Mosque of Omar, and being deeply mpressed by the solemn tragedy on Calvary. If ever I wanted to speak urkish it was that night, for there was the finest opportunity one ould ever desire to preach the Gospel which saves in this world and the ext. After the lights were turned on the preacher asked Ali Effendi f he would say a few words to the audience. Obligingly he went up on he platform and sat down, according to the Semitic custom. "My friends," e began, " a short time ago while we were seeing the pictures we were n darkness and we knew not who sat beside us, or who might injure us or ick our pockets. Now we have this beautiful light and we see that all bout us are our townsmen and friends and we have no more fear. Behold his is the parable of the old and the new régime. Six months ago we new not who would betray us, we did not know spies from friends. But ow under the light of liberty we all have become free people, and this reedom is God's arrangement because before Him all of us are created qual. We have the same rights to the air, the water, the food and the ife which He has given us. And yet we have diversities of gifts. ust as in this Christian mosque of yours there are some pieces of wood hich are of costly pine and others of cheap, soft poplar, and yet all f them are needed to be fitly joined together in order to make this seful building. The pine cannot say to the poplar, 'I am too good to ssociate with you,' for the separation of the one from the other means he destruction of the whole. So no true Turk can say to an Armenian, I am too good to associate with you,' for all Osmanlis must stand or all together. The teaching of our Koran is not that we should slay nd injure Christians but that we should act the man. What is the part f a man? Animals fight, steal, and eat each other; men help to nlighten and teach each other. Every man is a part of me and I am a

part of every man. All mankind is a unit. The salvation of society consists in each of us learning to treat every other man as a part of himself." His speech was received with great applause. I am led to suspect that one of the many Bibles recently sold to Turks by our colporteur must have fallen into his hands. Several of the Turks expressed themselves as much pleased with the entertainment.

Sunday, Nov. 29th, Prof. Nahigian of the College spoke in the Armenian Church in the lower quarter of Harpoot on the subject of "United Turkey." He insisted that all of us must forget past injuries, must forget even selfish and narrow national ideals, and must work for the general uplift of the whole of Turkey.

Wednesday, Dec. 2d, a conference of Protestant workers,- teachers, preachers and pastors, was held in Mezereh. After the spiritual meeting, led by Mr. Ehmann, there was a long discussion of the relation of politics and spirituality. The opinions of the various leaders were quite different, some thinking that politics had drawn away the attention of the people from religion, and that the attending of lyceums on Sunday was sinful; others, however, arguing that the new political forces could be turned to good account if united with the religious organizations already existing, and that the increased sincerity and openness of the present was one of the greatest blessings for true and earnest religion.

Sunday, Dec. 6th, I went to Tadem, nine miles from Harpoot. Here I was cordially greeted by an old Gregorian priest, the very man who two and a half years ago refused to allow Miss Daniels and me even to speak in his town, and also by a Catholic priest who sat at my right during the meeting. There was a large audience of men only in the

principal room of their school (the priest was afraid we would commit sacrilege if the meeting was held in his church). There were some enthusiastic revolutionary songs by some of the 120 pupils of their boys' school. The teacher, whose coat had at least half a dozen patches, whose face was unshaven and hair uncombed, was full of enthusiasm for the Armenian nation and led his boys with a vim. There were some excellent young men, recently returned from America, who were the managers of this lyceum. I spoke to them upon "Present Means of Progress," and the people were always ready to applaud the sentiment that freeborn Americans could especially sympathize with Armenians. While urging them to enlarge their school I recalled to them that it was six years ago I preached in their town and in my audience there were only five who could read. I asked those who now could read to raise their hands, and over 100 of the younger people did so. The Catholic priest made an address also, quoting several texts of Scripture and insisting on love and unity among the people. "Why," said he, "if the people were united only God Himself could stop us. Witness the tower of Bagdad. God was afraid that the people of Bagdad would reach Heaven and so He had to disunite them. And further, the Holy Writ advises us to be armed," and he quoted Eph. 6:11 to prove that every Armenian should have a gun or a knife. The stove pipe fell down and caused some scolding, the people were jammed together so that they had to do some sharp elbowing to find room, and the teacher pounded and cuffed the boys when he thought they were ~~well~~ ill-mannered. But the general earnestness of the people and their simple honest-heartedness gave great hope that the peasantry of the nation, with proper opportunities for education, will cause Turkey to be honored among the progressive peoples of the world.

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Harpoot, Turkey, Dec. 28, 1908.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,

14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

You are right that I am Secretary of the Harpoot Station. Although I never have taken my office very seriously I endeavor to put before the Station the matters which you address to me in that capacity. I thank you for your letter of Nov. 11th in which you discuss the relation of the American and German missionaries and the future location of the College. It seems to me, and to most of us, that the German missionaries have used us as a teacher in the beginning of their work here, and that now gradually they are coming to independence and will in the future carry on their own work on their own initiative and under their own control. We do not feel sorry for this. The field is large enough and there is plenty of room for them in every department except that of the purely College curriculum. It is to be expected that some 150 boys will attend College from this field every year, and it hardly seems wise to conduct a separate American institution for 75 and a separate German institution for 75, the two schools being in competition and so near together. While the Germans agree to this proposition in general, their whole attitude and endeavor seems to be to establish a school which shall parallel ours and finally supersede ours. Whether this would be a bad thing or not, that is, this superseding, is of course a question upon which opinions may differ. The Germans' method of instruction is didactic, dictatorial, by strict government, and with great emphasis on piety, or what is called pietism. Their students are

not allowed to ask questions or express their mind, or even to sing national songs or to do anything which does not please the rigorous censorship of the missionaries. It must be confessed that this type of education is very beneficial to a large class of students who are still in a formative period and as yet unable to think for themselves. On the other hand, the American system is perhaps too free; at least the students in our school are allowed to do very much as they please within the limits of that propriety which a Christian institution demands. The methods of the classroom are those of friendly conversation, inductive teaching, even Socratic at times, and the endeavor is always to make the student think for himself and become capable of self-government. Christianity is not forced upon them but they are attracted to it by every study which they have, and especially by their Bible study and their many times of prayer and religious exercises. It seems to us best that the Germans feel perfectly free to establish a high school and that their method would be very useful in an institution of that grade, but that the American scheme is better for a college, and by right of priority also a free field should be given to the Americans for their College.

As to the location of the College, President Riggs has no doubt written to you at length on this subject. There are many students who could come to us if we had a school near Mezereh and who find it now very difficult or impossible. Mezereh is the center of the business and political life of this whole state, and on Harpoot hill we are painfully isolated from the activities of the country. The competition with Catholic and

Turkish schools, as well as with the German school, will be very keen and seriously felt in the next few years. Whether the school is moved or not something decisive and adequate must be done immediately to prepare for this competition. A year ago we all thought the position of Euphrates College as well established as that of the Government of Turkey itself, but the new business opportunities open to young men, the special advantages given by Turkish civil and military schools, the freedom of travel to enter other institutions, have suddenly left Euphrates College high and dry on a rock which does not even produce enough water for drinking purposes. Whether we move or not, certainly the curriculum of the College should in some way be changed to adjust itself to the new demands of the country's present situation. Coal mines are soon to be opened; we need a teacher who understands such business and can help the students in the mineral development of the country which has just begun. Bridges are to be built; we need a practical engineer. The old mud house construction is to be abandoned; we need an architect who knows how to put up cement and iron and brick structures of several stories. Business is going forward by great leaps, and we need a business college curriculum united to that of our own institution. Government offices are now open to Armenians, and we need money for special instruction in Turkish and civil government. All these demands, which are not being said by me but by a crying situation and by a College threatened with desertion by its students unless something practical is done, do not make us forget the excellent course of study now offered, the practical aid given to students through the manual training established by Mr. Riggs's skill and Mr. Rocke-

feller's money, and the excellent past history of Euphrates College, but it simply means that something must be done, that now opportunities must be seized, that Euphrates College must grow to be the civil, practical and commercial leader of the country of the future as it has been of the literary and religious country of the past. The main object of our College is to train young men in character, but especially from now on we shall have an opportunity to prepare them to show that character in great deeds in the real world. We long to have Euphrates College take its place at the head of the new development and not recede into the background and be counted an academic institution, unfit to prepare men able to lead in the modern world. You advise that money raised be put into endowment. I should be glad to agree with you, but I should say rather what is needed is both a change to a level place where there is adequate room for development, near to the actual center of the life of the people, and a large endowment which would carry on the branches of study mentioned above: The day is past when Euphrates College can be content with preparing a few Protestant students. It must become a college for the whole Armenian people and if possible be far in the lead also of any Turkish, Catholic or German competitors. Cannot practical measures be taken immediately to prevent a desertion from the number of College students which will seriously cripple its influence? Euphrates College was founded by the Lord through Mr. Wheeler, and I am sure that the Lord wishes us at the present day to carry on the great work adequately. In the assurance that you have at heart the welfare of Euphrates College, even more than I can with

my short experience here, and that you have with you a body of men who are alert in their desire for the progress of Christian education in Turkey, I thus frankly send you my convictions.

You speak also about the return of Dr. Atkinson. Personally I am quite satisfied that the Station should invite him back and probably will do so. The doctor made some unfortunate blunders when he first came here six or seven years ago, and he is sometimes a little headstrong and even hot-tempered in the carrying on of his policies; but he is a man of excellent surgical skill, of good judgment in most matters, of earnest religious life, and of energy in his branch of the Lord's work, and I think Harpoot would search a very long time before finding his superior. Probably the formal invitation for his return will be extended before long. There is but one person who is really seriously opposed to his return.

Be assured that Dr. Barnum's health has entirely returned. He refuses to be helped over an icy piece of road, insists on standing up and giving his seat to any lady in sight, and he rides his frisky horse to Mezereh as though he were a youth of twenty.

Let me congratulate you that the opening of the new regime in Turkey has given you an opportunity to express the convictions which long service for and in Turkey has made you so capable of forming. I am sure that Turkey is now to have her turn as Japan and China and India have had in the past. It is truly a glorious liberty that we now enjoy, and the open doors are so many that personally I don't have time to enter a quarter of them, and I am sure that the other missionaries of our station and of all Turkey would say the same.

I visited the other day the rooms of the new Board of Trade in Mezereh. There are now over 500 members, both Christians and Turks, and they are working in beautiful harmony. There is some talk among the College students and the more hot-headed of the population about the establishment of a separate Armenia, but the real hope of the nation is in the boards of trade, which are branches of the Committee of Union and Progress established throughout the whole country. In this organization men of every creed come together for the good of the whole country, and people are gradually understanding that religion and politics, and even politics and business are separate things and can all work in harmony.

I wish you could make a little run over to Constantinople or Marsovan and see all of these grand changes for yourself, and then you would be so filled with enthusiasm for the future of this country that you would understand the strong words which I have expressed about the position which Euphrates College should occupy in the future.

With the best of wishes personally,

Yours sincerely,

Dec. 31st –

We have just had a two days prayer conference with the teachers and preachers of the field – very helpful. Last night was the happiest of my life. In the capital city of this state, with the magic lantern as bait, I preached straight gospel to a large audience of Turks. The talk was very kindly received, and several thanked me. Dr. Michael was a sympathetic translator. The visiting delegate of the central Committee of Union & Progress exprest himself as very much pleased to hear the "verité", as he called it. The political outlook is of course uncertain, but we are full of hope. The religious future is one of such amazing opportunity that we even hesitate!

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Harpoot, Turkey, May 27th, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, Boston,

Dear Mr. Barton:-

By this mail are being forwarded various reports of the station for the past year. It is hoped that they will reach you in time for insertion into the Annual Report.

Under a profound conviction that something is wrong with our Protestant work here, I have been reading the reports for the last eight years, and have studied the statistics of this station for the last eighteen years. Most of us here feel deeply that some changes must be made in our methods of work in adjustment to new conditions. The rate of growth indicates failures of various sorts, in spite of the fact that the missionary work has been the salvation of the religious, intellectual, and material and political life of the Armenians. What are the causes of this proportional failure and what is the cure?

The indications of the statistics:

1. Four out of the six curves show a general downward tendency, i.e., the figures are now lower than they were eighteen years ago.

2. In two curves there has been a falling off for the last two years, and in all cases 1908 was a year of retreat. Several village schools have been given up, and the communities have in all but name been re-absorbed by the Gregorians. The Diarbekir church has been split into factions that have made it the stumbling block in the city's progress. The Protestants are taunted with, "Only the missionaries' money keeps you alive", and, "You haven't ordained pastors enough to baptize, marry, and bury you!"

3. The progress of contributions for Education is more rapid than the growth of those for Religious work. And yet the upward tendency of the curve showing increase

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curve showing increase in contributions for schools must be discounted because of the fact that the rise in prices of food-stuffs and labor accounts for much of the increase. Thus for even fewer workers a larger price must be paid, and the apparent progress is a deception.

Causes for Protestantism's failure to grow:

1. Protestantism is not so much a propoganda or system as it is a spirit, and many accept the spirit and enlightenment without being enrolled in the numbers of the Protestant denomination.

2. There has been for four years a lack of touring missionaries.

3. There has been for 13 years a painful lack of native laborers. And the career offered in the Protestant service is not now one that permanently attracts young men of ability.

4. There is a lack of funds to carry on the work at more than a poor dying rate. The A.B.C.F.M. and the Hulfsbund together give about one fifth of what the natives give, but the contributions of all three are not sufficient to increase the work in proper poportion.

5. Congregationalism is dubiously suited to the Armenian's present stage of development.

6. The present nationalistic spirit of the Gregorians, their mixture of tribal and ecclesiastical, racial and religious matters, leads them to desire unity of all Armenians in their historic "mother" church, and to regard "Prots" and "Papists" as traitors deserting their nation.

7. Protestantism is a bare intellectualism, little suited to the Oriental mind, which delights in ceremonies, pageants, pictures, mystery and even magic, appeals through the senses to the feelings, and the dignity of organization and degrees of power.

8. Separate civil tax lists bring selfish benefits, but some evils.

9. Gregorians have risen almost to the level of Protestant morality and religious feeling, while present day Protestants are lacking in the former consecration, so there is not a large difference between the characters of the two communities.

10. The smallness of Protestant communities (often only 15-20 houses) does not permit them to carry on schools and church services on the scale undertaken by the Gregorians, who usually number from 150 to 200 houses. So Protestant institutions fall into disrepute for incompetence.

11. Shall we add as other causes the conservatism of missionary methods of work, our distance from the real current of Armenian life in Mezereh, our somewhat Puritanic view of life, our aloofness from the Gregorians?

What is the cure?

We pray first of all for greater spirituality in our own relations with God. Then for more intelligent love for the people who surround us. But is there nothing to be done about our methods, is there no new adjustment to modern conditions which we can make? All this study of conditions has been undertaken with the hope that the Prudential Committee will give us some wisdom on the situation.

The best and most permanent reform of any nation must arise from within. It seems to me that the Protestant church has done its work in arousing the Gregorian church to the necessity of reform. Her great bishops and teachers are now saying what Protestants urged twenty years ago. Can we turn our attention to some extent from the increase in numbers of the Protestant church, and by somehow uniting with the National church hasten the reform from within? Can we allow the villages, unable to support two churches, to reunite with the Gregorians, who will then receive us cordially? Can we strengthen the city Protestants, and how? Can we enter into cordial relations with the Gregorian church, giving

respect to their organization and history and intentions? Can we undertake practical dealings with the officers of the "mother" church, confessing our renunciation of the intention of increasing our membership at their expense? Can we tour the communities irrespective of creed, and by our advice and encouragement, increase the growth of the work of our Gregorian brethren? Can we get some money from somewhere to help out poor and needy village schools for Armenians, regardless of creed? Can we assist at the education of native priests?

Can we do any or all of these things without sacrificing a principle or slighting an essential of our religion?

At the time of the Massacres there was an opportunity for the reorganization and relocation of the missionaries' work. Have we not been punished for a failure to do so?

The proclamation of the Constitution has changed Turkey so suddenly and thoroughly that the method suited to 50 or 20 or perhaps 10 years ago seems no longer effective. In clothes and ideals, in education and travel, in press and platform many natives have caught up with the missionary. Who is to lead in the future? Does not leadership imply readjustment, growth, increasing degree of cooperation on our part? Can we not make Liberty the turning point, not into oblivion, but into new fields of higher and more blessed service?

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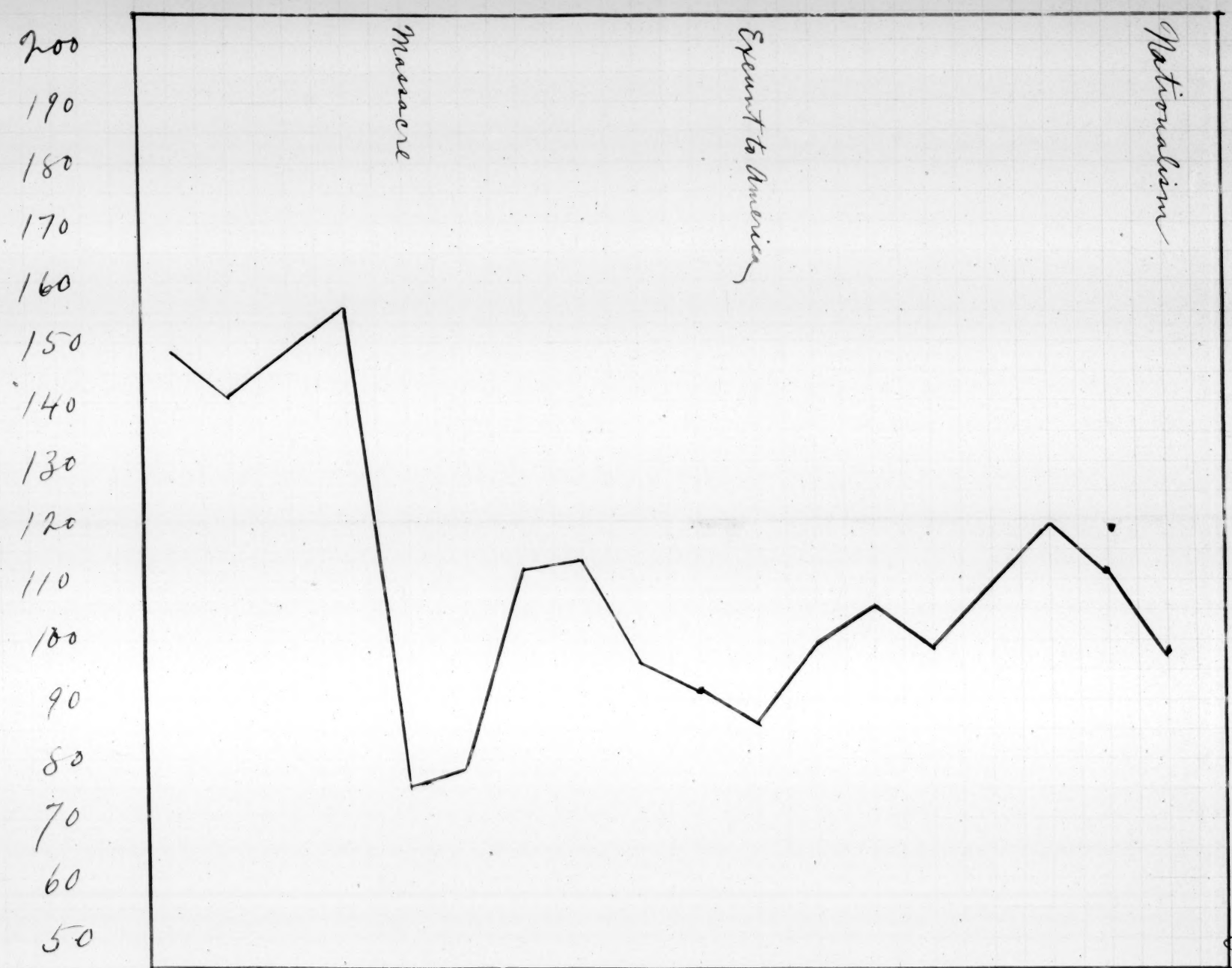

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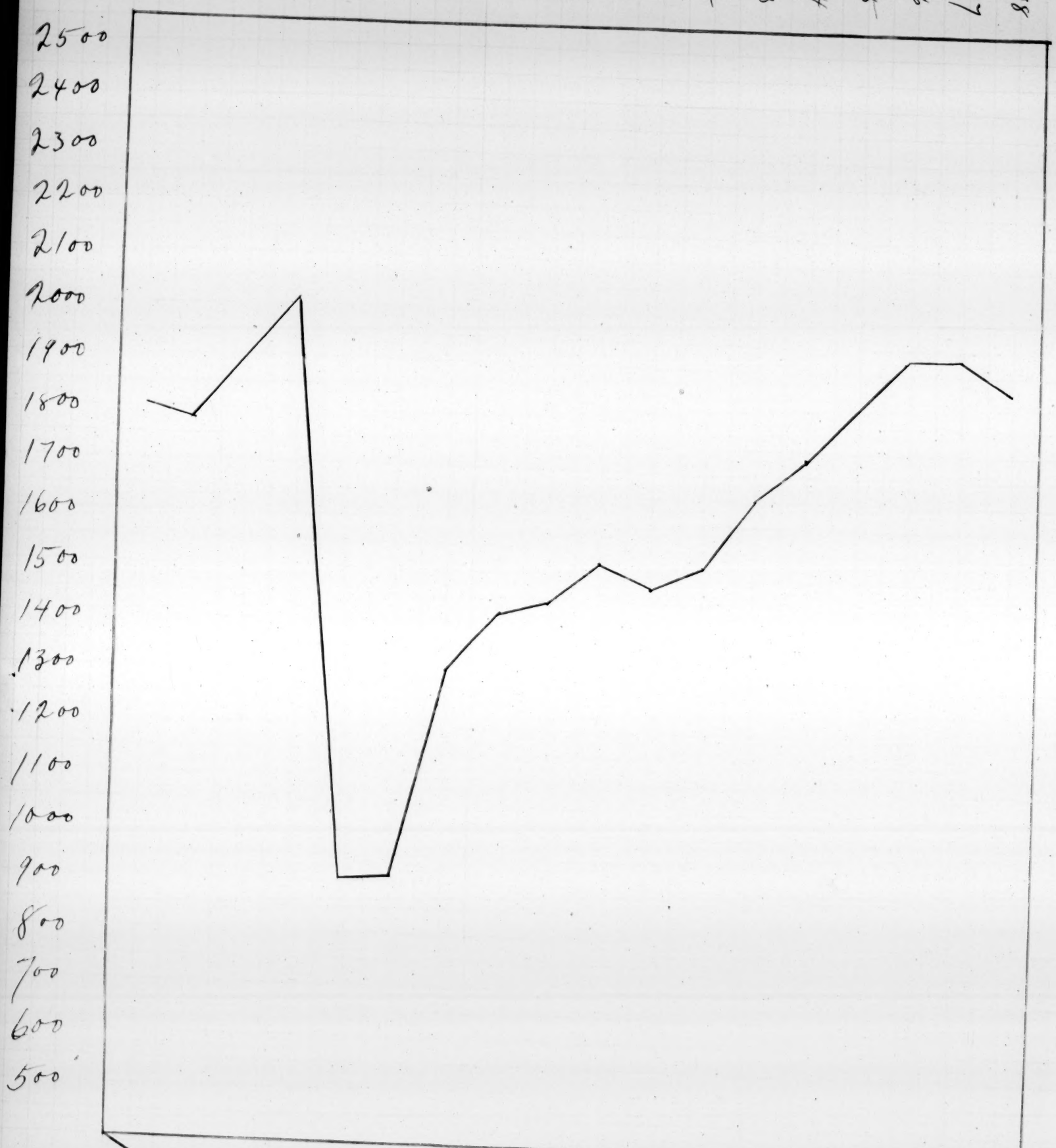

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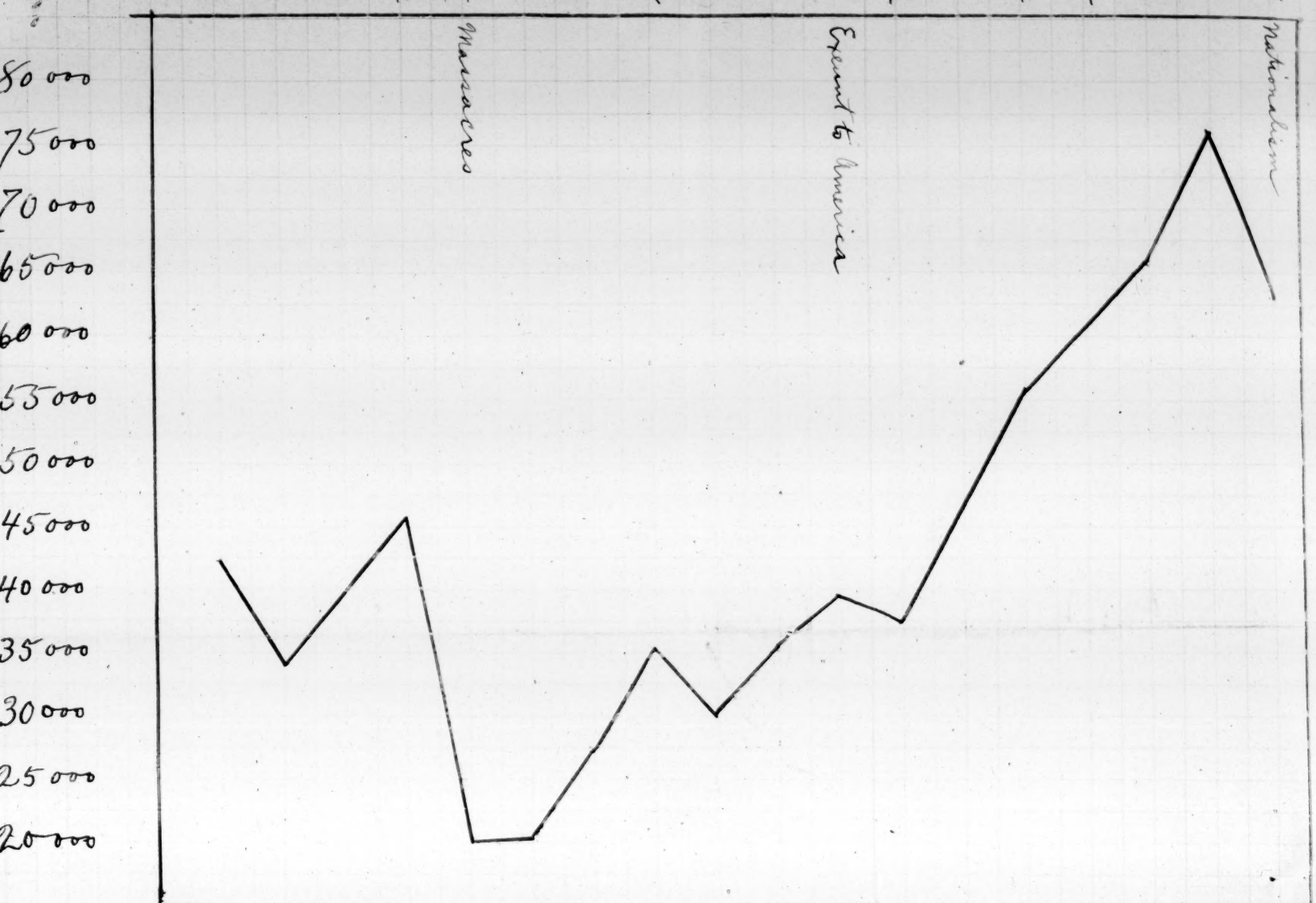

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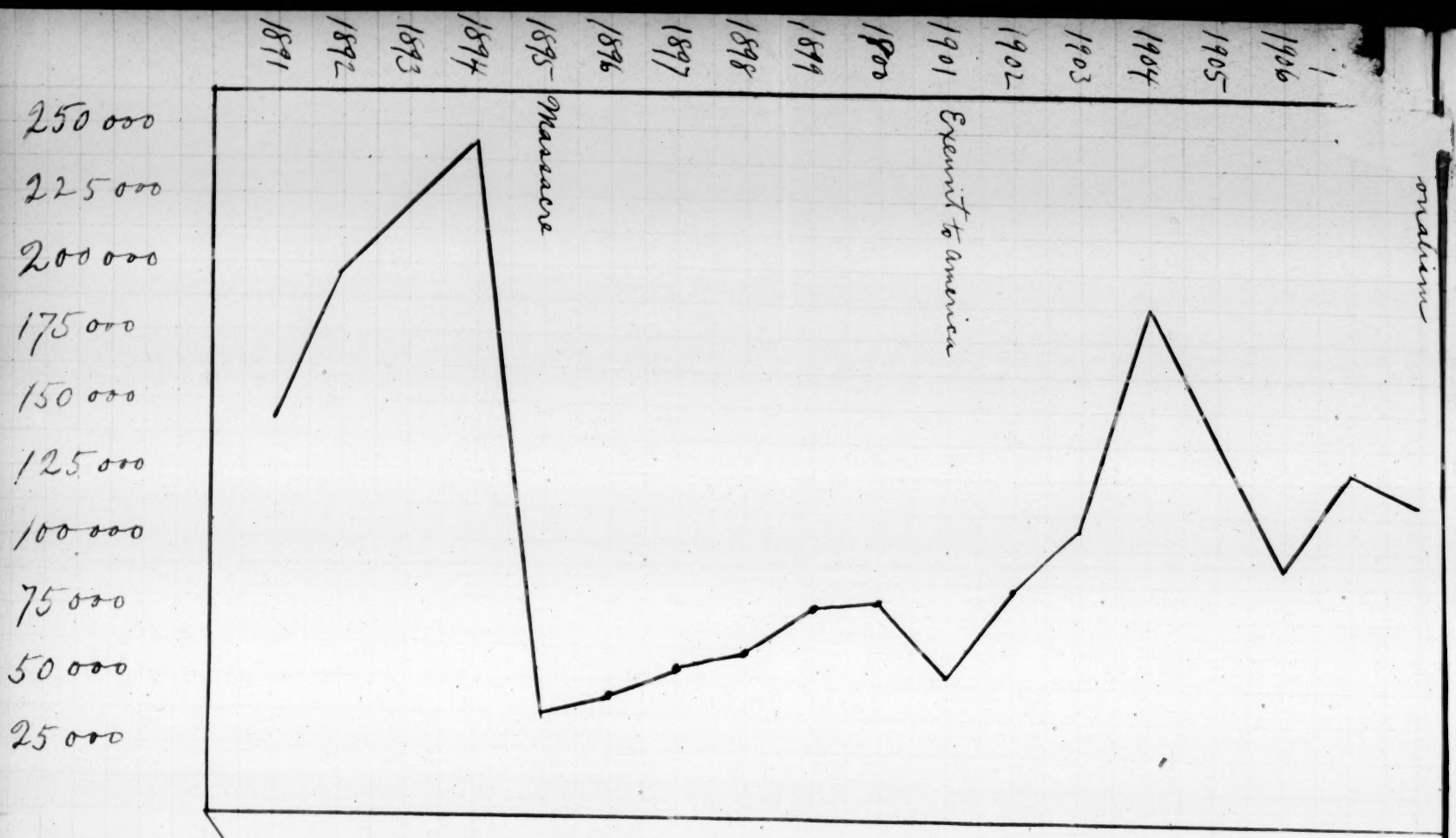

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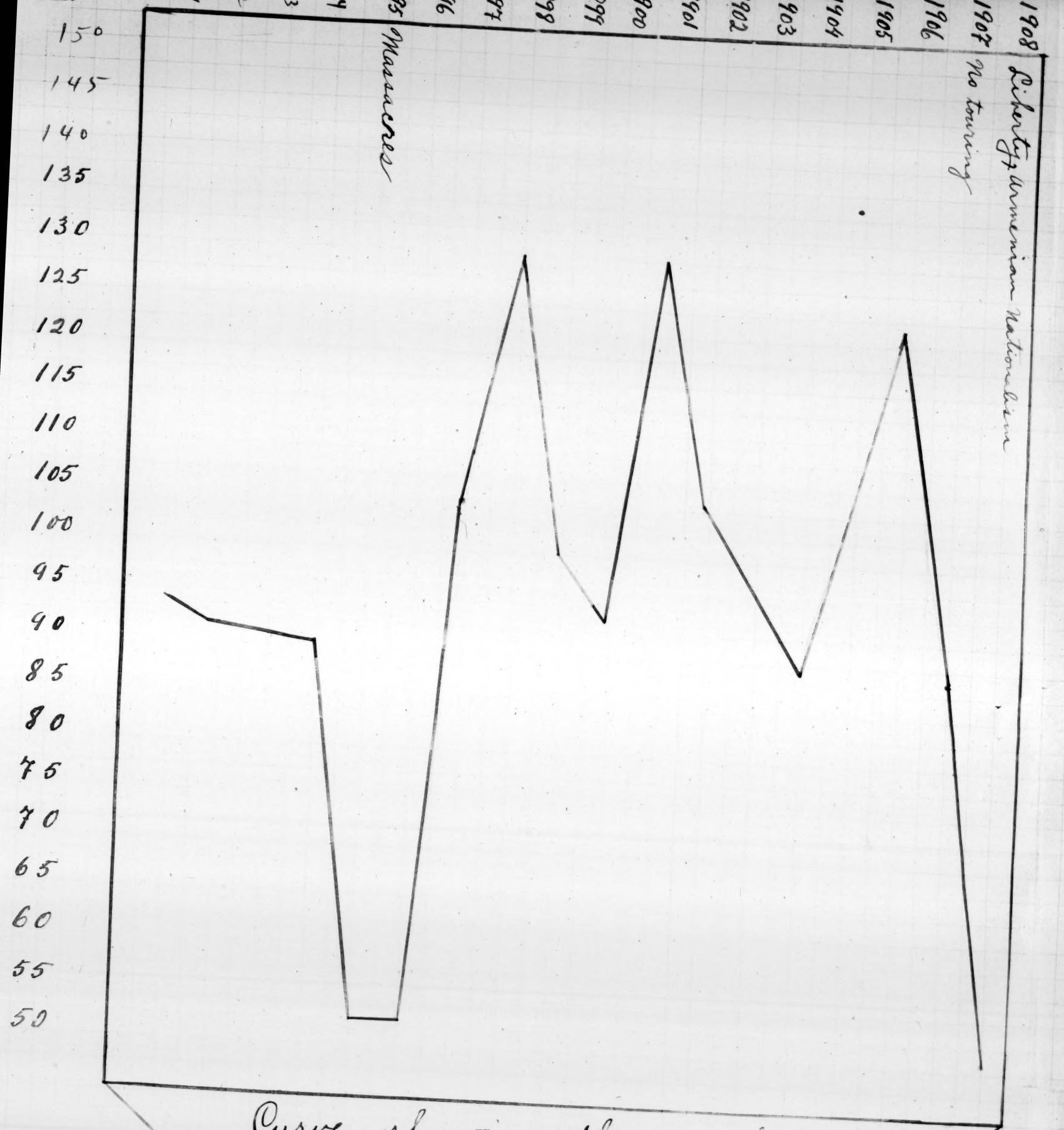

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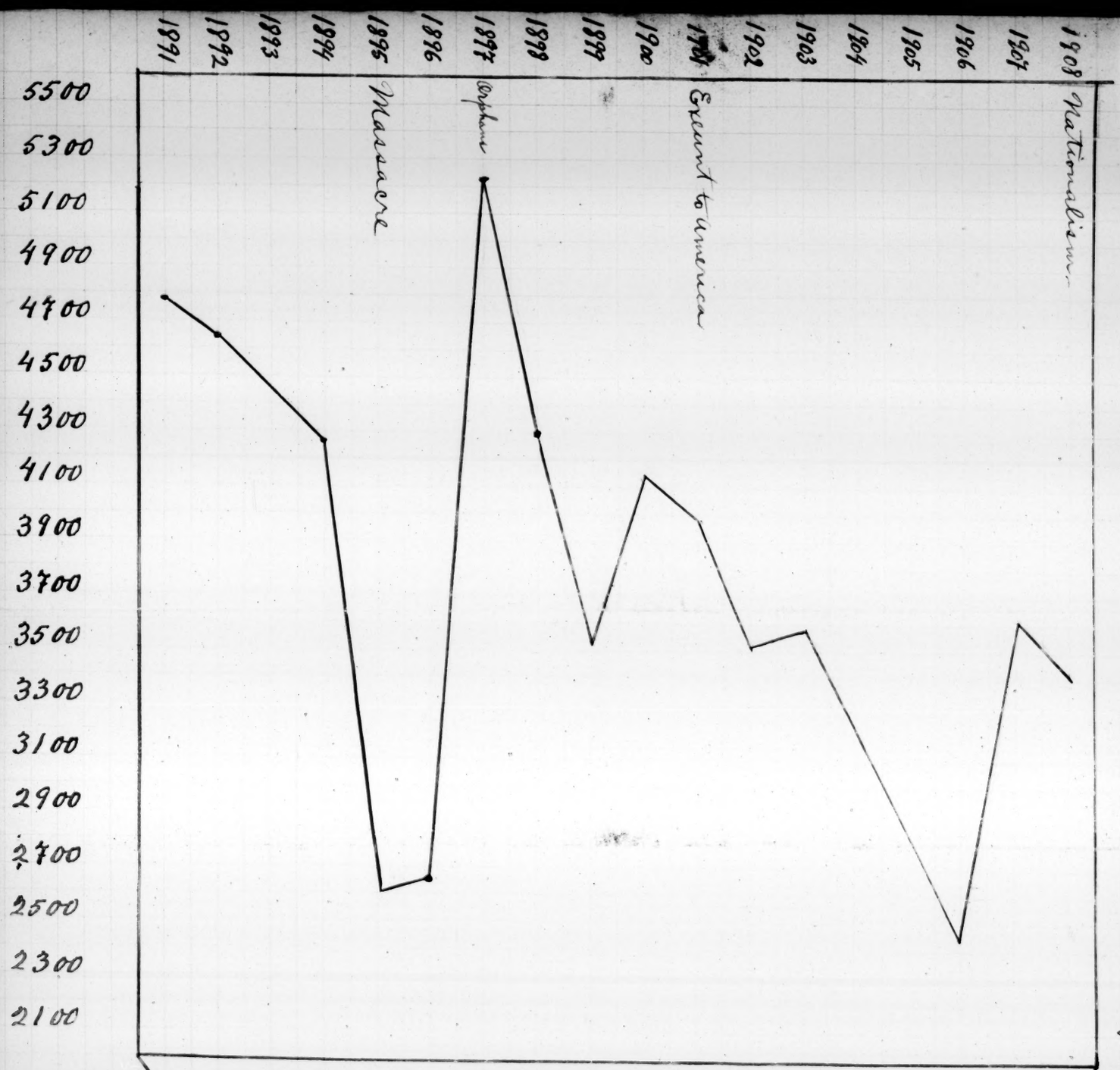

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Harpoot - Turkey.

Rec'd AUG 31 1903

Mrs. E. F. Carey

Harpoot, Turkey
August 3rd 03

Ans'd OCT 5 1903

Dear Dr Barton:-

Please accept my thanks for the kind sympathetic letter which reached me last post. I seem to be improving very slowly but I hope surely. Our garden is a lovely place in which to rest. I celebrated the 4th of July by taking my first step and it was glorious to be on my feet once more. If I did not own one of the best of men as a husband, I am sure I should never have been able to go through all these months of suffering. Missionaries, and especially Harpoot missionaries, always have enough to do without looking after the sick ones and I have not wished to be a burden to any of them at any time. However, they have all been very kind and thoughtful of me.

Mr Carey & Mr Riggs were so disappointed at the outcome in regard to annual meeting at Van, and are appeasing their wandering natures with a short tour of two weeks North east of here Pertag - Karasig, Peri & Seghu region. They started last Thursday and I

suppose are in Peii today - It is rather hot weather to travel but I am sure they will enjoy it. Mr Rigg is a fine fellow and an excellent companion for the road. We all feel he is just the man for his place.

How small our station will seem with the Brouns, Miss Daniels & Miss Bush away! and we are all ready to give Miss Wilson a hearty welcome.

I am growing to love the work among the natives more & more - How can I help it when I see the need so plainly before me! And I feel that my best friends here are among them -

It will not be long before 2 years of service in Banpoot will be over - Two longer, harder, more bitter years I never spent or hope to spend again - They have taught us much no doubt; we feel now that we needed just such discipline to broaden our characters and make us more all round workers but they leave no pleasant memories I'm sorry to say.

We came out here so full of hope, life and energy - youthful enthusiasm bubbling over - willing and ready to work with the missionaries for the people

I was so ignorant as to the ways & manner of working we made many wild mistakes. Those we had hoped would be our best friends and lead us proved hard and many times unjust critics I fear. I suppose all young people have their turn at disappointments when they go into a new field and ours came as a bitter pill to swallow. It takes a long time to realize that one is not in progressive America, and where new ideas & methods are not kindly received by either natives or missionaries. God knew our need of trial no doubt — may we come out braver, truer, nobler followers, more fit to be His laborers is our daily prayer.

Mr Carey will be very glad to receive a letter from you I am sure. He has lately been looking for one in answer to his of some time ago. Young people need encouragement. Many times the feeling comes that we are not fit for missionary work — that we are out of place.

God is going to hold us all responsible for the talents he has given to us and many times I feel we are not in the position to use ours. We wait & pray for guidance

With best wishes and many thanks for remembering me in my illness -

yours faithfully

Mrs E. F. Carey.

Mrs. Geo. F. Carey's
Westport, Aug. 3, 1903

Ellen N. Catlin

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Harpoot, Turkey-in-Asia,

June 1st, 1909.

My dear Dr. Barton:-

I wish to thank you very much indeed for the fine book you have given me in sending me "Daybreak in Turkey". I have already enjoyed a portion of it very greatly , and am looking forward to the close of school so that I can take time for the rest of it. It is most timely and gives in a compact form more than I should be able to learn in in a much greater range of reading. I am afraid I was shamefully ignorant of Turkish history and customs before I found I was to come out here, but after staying here a while and reading your book I ought to be able to reform to a slight degree at least.

During the past Easter vacation Miss Poole, our travelling missionary, you know, and I went on a little tour to some of the villages near here. She visited four different places , but I had to return somewhat earlier so as to be ready for my school duties. These are not arduous but with my language study they keep me pretty busy. We began our work at Haboosee, and spent several days in visiting the different households and in holding meetings. I staid at the preacher's house two or three afternoons and studied Armenian while Miss Poole was going about making calls. We spent nearly a week in this place and then decided to spend a day or so in Ichmee before going on to Aghantseek.

With the aid of a flea-bitten little donkey which we took turns in riding, we started out on the road to Ichmee one morning. We were accompanied by the Haboosee preacher and by Miss Poole's touring servant. Because of the very unusually pleasant surroundings, we quite enjoyed our early morning trip.

I wish Mr. Platt, our Mrs. Carey's father whom perhaps you have met, might have taken this trip to Ichmee in this season of the year. Last Fall when I came into the country I was quite ready to agree with him that I never saw so desolate and barren a country in all my life, but now in the Spring after the moisture from the melting snow and the early rains has soaked into the ground, the green resulting is most surprising and refreshing. We passed many fields of winter wheat just springing up freshly, and along one stretch of road we really passed through an avenue of mulberry trees. To be sure these trees were little more than trunks from which the leaves and branches had all been stripped the year before to feed the many silk-worms raised in this region, but that fact did not spoil the general effect. Just before reaching Ichmee we began to climb a hill -- for Ichmee is right at the foot of one of the highest mountains in this region, so close in fact that some of the houses were lately destroyed by a great boulder rolling down the steep slope -- and at once we found the scenery growing more attractive. We could look back on the wide plain behind us rimmed about with hazy blue and purple hills and mountains and see the whole level country marked off much like a checker-board with fields and squares of newly ploughed ground and of freshly growing grain. Along the watercourses were a few trees just budding out in tender green and far to the east was the lazy Euphrates crawling across the edge of the plain. Still nearer there were slender poplar trees and hawthorne and rose bushes beside the road and along the streams of water. Many of the fruit trees were in blossom and the pleasant breeze brought their sweet fragrance.

As we passed through the lower village, we saw the young men and boys from the Armenian Gregorian church out practicing for the Easter play which they were to give in the evening. They were dressed in aint costumes and several of them had wooden swords and a few real eel swords. Most of the representations and plays which the Armeans have given since the granting of the constitution last July allowed them liberty for such things, have been warlike in character. This ple has been quite carried away by the new and sudden liberty.

Soon we left the pleasant lanes behind us and arrived at the acher's house. A very good dinner was served on a little, low table ut which we sat on the floor. Afterwards we all went for a walk to the grain mills

and the poplar groves beyond, all made possible by the one or two streams of water which flow through the town. In the mill we visited, we saw the flour ground from barley; it was quite fine and a light yellow-brown in color. After the schools had been visited Miss Poole started back to Haboosee, promising to send the donkey for me in the morning.

In the morning I awoke refreshed even though I had slept on one of the native beds, a thin mattress spread on the floor with a heavy comforter over me. At this same house Mr. Knapp's two little girls were spending the Easter vacation with a school-girl friend, and they told me at the breakfast table of some high talk which had taken place the night before between some Turks and the Armenians who were giving the play. They said, at the time the Protestant Armenians had held their concert and play, they had invited both their Turkish and Gregorian-Armenian neighbors; but when the latter planned to give their performance, they had specially said that no Turks or Protestants should be allowed present. This, combined with certain foolish boastings by young, Armenian hotheads and with the fact that real weapons were used in the play, the children said, frightened the Turks and made them angry. So they gathered together and armed themselves, thereby so frightening the Gregorians that they postponed their play and were very glad to have the Protestant preacher go to talk with the Turks and try to pacify them. The preacher said everything was all right that morning, so when the man came with the donkey I said good-bye to the kind friends there and started back to Miss Poole at Haboosee.

That day we spent as usual in visiting and studying, but in the afternoon there were a number of badly frightened villagers who passed through the place on their way from Ichmee to Harpoot and Mezereh where they wished to get help and soldiers. They reported that the Turks were threatening them with a massacre such as took place in 1895-6 and that bands of armed Kurds were hiding in the mountains and ravines nearby. Miss Poole and I were inclined to make light of their fears and to think that the excitement had rather carried them away. However to make them feel a little better Miss Poole wrote a short note to Dr. Barnum, and with this the men departed. It seems that another party of men had gone from Ichmee to Mezereh

earlier in the day, so that the news that there was anxiety in Ichmee, reached Harpoot and Mezereh late that afternoon. The governor at the latter place sent a small party of soldiers, but Mr. Knapp, filled with anxiety for his children, insisted on having some more soldiers and one of the guards from the American Consulate, go with him that very night to Ichmee. After riding all night he reached Haboosee and inquired at the house where Miss Poole and I were sleeping, if the girls were there. He used the word "aghchig" which translates literally "girls", but means anyone from a babe-in-arms to an unmarried woman of eighty, and naturally the Haboosee preacher answered that the girls were there! It took several minutes to come to a right understanding, but when Mr. Knapp learned that his little girls were still at Ichmee, he rode on post haste to that place.

He found all apparently quiet, though the preacher there said the Turks had all gone to church the forenoon before, just a little after I had left, and a good many Kurds had been seen in the neighborhood, but when the Moslems came out of the church they had each gone about his own business and nothing had happened. Mr. Knapp left the soldiers he had brought there as nothing had been seen of the troopers sent out by the governor. He returned to Harpoot, and Saturday as we had planned, Miss Poole and I went on to Aghantseek. We stayed there a few days and then I returned to my school duties.

Little by little here in the far interior, we learned of what had been taking place in Constantinople and in the provinces at some distance from Harpoot. At Constantinople the mutiny of the soldiers against the constitutional party had taken place April 13th, two days before we started to Ichmee. Power had come again into the hands of Sultan Abdul Hamid, and he sent secret orders to the governors of the provinces to massacre the Christians. These orders were carried out as you know at Adana and Tarsus and in that region; at the place where the Eastern Turkey mission, annual meeting was to take place in May, no doubt much bloodshed was prevented only by the fact that the telegraph operator was a Young Turk man and mis-translated the orders; in the Harpoot district the governor rather hung on the fence, waiting to see which way the balance should swing. He either had guns and ammunition distributed to the Moslems or allowed such arms to be given out and then waited to see what course would bring him the greatest

self-advancement. The news of the success of the constitutional troops at Constantinople reached here and many other places, however, in time to prevent any real trouble. You just ought to have seen, though, how the Armenians and the children made orphans in the massacres thirteen years ago, celebrated and went about with joyful faces when the news of the downfall of the "Bloody Sultan" finally reached this place. The deposition of the Sultan took place April 27th, but our "wiley" governor withheld the news until the next day when he felt more security in his liberal attitude.

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I believe there is no explanation to give for the safety in which so large a part of this country has been kept, save the "prayers of the Prots" both here and in America, and the loving mercy of our heavenly Father.

Thanking you again for your very welcome gift, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
Ellen W. Catlin.

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Our dear Friends;- Bitlis, Kourdistan, Jan 4/1900

Though we are carrying no open distribution of relief to the poor here at present, yet in secret ways we are doling out not a little both in bread & fuel to some most needy ones, in hopes of saving life. With relief balance reduced to almost nothing till a few kind friends in Eng. sent us recently 165 pounds we dared not appear at the public ovens in usual ration-giving lest our little soon be exhausted & needy ones starve later on. Moreover, wheat-dealers who have enough of this staff of life in hand, have laid all their plans, hoping to run up the price when we began to purchase-taking it for granted we should do so as in the past. But when we announced even to the governor himself our purpose of no further direct appeal for funds; that there must come an end of dependence on foreign money & the Govt seek some way to keep its own subjects alive, etc; If this met with the approval of said official it discouraged would-be Kourdish speculators (& most cereals are with them) though some have pursued us nevertheless in hopes of sale. There being no success in these lines sales are dull tho prices are nearly tripple what it should be in cheap times. In a word it is a famine in money-supply & employment for the common people, while their credit is all gone.

We hoped influence might be brought to bear upon the central Govt. at Con. so less rigidity in taxation & extortion in tithe farming at harvest, with permission for those desiring it to secure road papers so they might go to other cities in search of work, thereby sending back money for their suffering ones. But for these regions especially all this has been realized in a reverse & magnified ratio! The tax-harpies may be found pitiless indeed in villages plundered time & again; and in others not only plundered but where scores were killed at time of the massacre see them sallying through the place grabbing all they can, forcing their way into houses to seize whatever they can lay their hands as if contraband, beating people, women as well as men, & imprisoning others in cold places this winter weather only to put out by pouring water on it if they find friends have taken fire to them! We had given some native cloth to one family, as we do often to desperate cases, especially women, to cover their nakedness for decency's sake as well as for warmth, and that, too, was gobbled up as if a proper procedure! But enough of these rehearsals. Our governor just left for Cons/ple on score of health expressed sympathy for the poor people, knew they were hungry, etc. but could n't disobey orders.' Meanwhile, after stating conditions it remains for us to do what we can with limited means, under this chronic state of things, to conserve life-trying to do it in a way to leave no regrets behind. If cloth be so swooped up it is easy to see how much more so would it be of hard cash so tempting to officials if only petions could hear the sobbing gratitude expressed by aged, infirm, blind & halt as they turn away with what we give them! "The Lord bless & give them long life" etc. Later on we may venture upon public distribution to a limited number of families. With deepest gratitude. Watchman.

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Dear Friends;- Bitlis, Kourdistan, Jan. 5th, 1900.

After the lapse of another month that finds us treading the threshold of a new year, if not new century, it may not be amiss to send out jottings again of matters among the Kourdish mountains.

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Winter came in like a lion, so far as early date & deep snows go, though cold has not been severe-our lowest mercury ranging 11 degrees above zero;- so much compensation for our seven feet of snowfall that has so settled away from influence of the midday sun that roads are open again as usual. We trust this last ten days of such pleasant weather will have been helpful to the Van party Dr. Ussher's Tel. of yesterday reported as 'arrived safe'. It almost seems a pity subjects of two first-class powers on the earth must needs skulk off out of that region unawares as if culprits. Still when once a person is tabooed in this land he might as well 'lie low', unless there be plenty of time to manipulate, push & punch officials. "All's well that ends well". We offer warm congratulations to the storm-tossed travelers on their having come into their desired haven at last; while we would offer as much also to the old occupants of Van who have been held in so long expectancy.

Things seem fairly quiet this way for all a young, respectable watchfixer in one of our wards was killed (possibly by some revengeful agitator) the other night. But people seem almost hopelessly settled into a sort of fatalistic indifference that leaves them little heart to 'rise & build' in any line be it material or spiritual. May the Week of Prayer bring new life to them & us!

The tithe-farming, that took from the poor peasant nearer half than a tenth in cases, while the remainder was gobbled up by exacting creditors, now amid winter is succeeded by such rigidity in taxgathering as our 21 years plus in the land have not seen I trow. Our vali just left for Cons/ple on score of health, as said, expressed sympathy for the poor hungry people but it was t'n in his power to withstand C. orders, tho he 'would write as to it'! Naturally under existing conditions money must be had; so villages plundered time & again, and others where scores went a sacrifice in '95 swarm with the tax-harpies that forcibly seize whatever they can lay hands on, beating and imprisoning without regard to age or sex, not allowing friends to bring fire! In a few cases some native cloth we had assigned most desperately poor went in such spoliations. But there is a God above that takes notes & HE knows.

Our Gregorian friends are under orders from the C. Patriarch to set running a small orphanage in the wild Khizan province-twenty Liras being sent for first installment. May this move have a restorative influence on the religion there that largely went over to the dominating party at the time!

The Sultan's birthday passed with usual celebration, tho indisposition of the Vali turned us guests over to be received by his representative the military chieftain. There was unusually fine fire-works in the evtg for Bitlis. We are sorry for delay in cargo of cotton we are sending Dr. Raynolds, from bad roads & lethargy of those captains to 'launch out'. May that, too, come safe into port. With cordial greetings to one & all,

Watchman.

Jan 5, 1900

Bottles, Jan. 5, 1900

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Dear Patrons of Bitlis & Moush Orphanages. Bitlis, Turkey, Jan. 10th, 1900.

Bidding adieu to the old year & century, it is time as we face to the new we had some of us given you a general glance at the dear children gathered here & at Moush, in all of which you have so much capital. Miss Charlotte Ely, who kindly took our place in superintendence of the boys also here on my leaving for America, and who sent a somewhat recent report, has since our return from summer encampment been serving by patient waiting in a long, prostrating turn of grippe apparently, and is yet hardly equal to leaving her room, or seeing others than nearer friends. Persons of such enthusiasm & self-forgetfulness cant hold out always, tho she has longer than we expected.

In Oct. her sister & I visited Moush, and had a square look at the orphans & other matters in those parts. As we feared the local Govt. began to look askance at our Sch. made up largely of the orphans we had transferred from Mogounk village a half hour distant, but most of all upon the girls' part of it that we thought to open, as several times in the past in rented quarters outside. Within this branch of the Sch. we hoped to gather a few of the many orphan girls as well, to be in charge of the faithful teacher there some years. Tho the latter question is still pending the boys' part is running successfully, while we may start the other in some adroit way, if God wills it. The children were well, are busy at study & the trades-bringing into good requisition the joiners' tools friends at 47, Victoria St, London, kindly furnished us. ~~for~~

But to take up what is nearer at hand. Look at the children within our enclosure, and as we observe their frolicsome ways from our window as the boys play-perhaps following them to the recitation room to note progress-would we could pass you a veritable photo in place of these stale pen-pictures. But failing in this for all the bonafide promises of various travelers hapening this way & turning cameras on the children, etc., please take the imprint of their pens!

With such a family of small children gathered from such hardship & exposure what could be expected but some diseases. Satiation after hunger brings it. We have had smallpox & typhoid, tho not many cases have proved fatal, and it is over now & a time of health. The little Infirmary I arranged over the boys' kitchen wtih door so as to serve the girls part has been very helpful indeed. We are sorry to have to report that the only native doctor we could turn to, Dr. Yeghia, who studied awhile in London years ago, has died of typhoid relapse, tho our children were free of it so long before he must have taken it in town. Passing responsibility for the health bill to him when I left for America he has relieved us of much responsibility we must now, nolens volens, resume again.

Tho they have saluted our Xmas & New-Years in songs & special address it will be theirs on the 12th, tho their Xmas comes on the 15th. We ar having new coats & some other articles made to cheer the boys, while a few books, as also pictures kindly supplied by The Religious Society, London, that but for postal defects should been here a year since will serve a good purpose.

With grateful remembrances for the New year,

Bitlis, Jan. 10th, 1900. R. M. Cole, Missionary.

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The following is rather a free translation of parts from Letters of our O
phans in Bitlis, two of the boys being from town & three from villages. Tho
we have sought to direct the children's eyes toward outside patrons, they
fall short sometimes & seem looking at those nearer at hand; while two othe
things are noticeable-they think & speak of poor ones like them still outsi
longing to have them share these "glorious buildings" & privileges, as in their
childish, enthusiastic way they put it, from not having seen better buildings.

Our Kind-hearted, Compassionate Benefactors;- How very glad I am that
to be able to write you a few lines expressive of my deep gratitude that you
have rescued us from our dire distress & hardship. You as followers of Christ
taking us into this fold within such "glorious buildings" have taught us to b
followers of Jesus, tho formerly were ignorant of these things, but now we
shall not cease to pray for those who from distant lands have stretched out
their hands to succor us poor disconsolate ones. What can we give in return
for such kindness at your hands but pray that the Lord reward you a hundred
fold, while we be obedient pupils in this Sch. of no distinction of race or
sect. Please pray that I make greater progress in all. Setrag Asdvadour.

Krikor Muggerditchian, after similar prelude, says:-Oh how I rejoice for th
great kindness I have received from you, and that now I may write with my own
hand & tell you so! When I entered this orphanage I knew not how to read,
write or what Christianity meant; but, thank God, I know them all now, and shall
not cease to thank God & pray for you dear ones who took us under this roof
care for us like parents.

Garris Markarian says "How very thankful I am for having been taken under
this roof & for being so kindly treated here where I learn God's law. Our
prayer is for you all that God may enable you to free other poor, wandering
ones like us; and may you be a support to such as we. May we send warm sal-
utations to you all, whether adults or children you may be.

Ancear Avedisian says "Most grateful Am I that you have freed us from or-
phanhood-you who stretch out hands to us from the distant land. I am very
thankful that you took pity on me & received me into this happiness. I pray
that God add to the number of such kind benefactors as you. May you have
health & long life, is all I, a little boy can say to express gratitude.

Arsen Khachigian says "I am so thankful that you from the far-off land
are a care for us poor orphans, in the hope that we may grow up to be use-
ful to our people & land. With grateful heart I pray that God reward your
kindness to us & increase the number of such benefactors so that other dis-
consolate orphans like us may be received into this "glorious" place & like
us enjoy the privileges & happiness here; for they are strangers to the good
things of God's word. It is through your kindness that we are freed from our
lavish, unbearable condition. Hence all of us orphans thank not only God but
also you, our kind benefactors. From Bitlis Orphans.

Bitlis, Jan. 10th, 1900.

(R 44 Turk)

Our warmest acknowledgments

Bitlis, Kourdistan, January 26th, 1900.

ames L.Barton,D.D.,

Dear Dr.Barton:-

I think Mrs.Cole kindly acknowledged

s of the 4th ult.respecting appropriations for the Woman's Dept.etc.

o also came another briefer one this last post,in which you spoke of hav

heard as to Miss Ely's illness,not having heard from our Frank at Walla

a,Wash.etc. But having gone on a mission,as you know such station letters

likely to for sake of the reading of others in the circle,I am not sure

where it is for the moment so as to give its date. We trust Frank will

rt himself,especially on getting yours about allowance of the $50 on his

nses across the continent. As for the allowance for Sunday School Helper

from Bangor,to which you referred,strange to say Mr.Ashdown did n't put

in for sal'y at all last year,tho only that he would n't consult with

Elys that blunder might have been saved. Hence for this year at least we

consider it as so much additional to regular Appropriations. Speaking

hat prodigy of an Ashdown,I have before referred to stings he has left

nd. The last striking one of late has been his persisting in keeping on

lper that I had practically dismissed because of his affiliations with

mad agitators. What did he but to remove him to another province to be

l employed. It turned out he was even worse than I suspected,got others

lved through his damaging writings left with one of his pupils at first

e that Mr.A.also took up for regular yearly helper. Of course I tried to

ect matters by dismissing some of his such strange employees for whom &

r places there were no appropriations; but this one held on a little lon

till said paper was found & he had to make his escape over the border to

North! Of course is in such 'durance vile'as will last no one knows how

g. We have great need to steer clear of all such rubbish in this land.

Yes, surely there is need of Anl. Meeting this year if ever there was. There is the re-inforcement question, as well as adjusting as to some of the newer arrivals, like Dr. Ussher, if not others. Dr. U. talked here as tho he expected to return to Hpt. at the end of eight months, while Dr. Raynolds writes always as tho he considered him a permanency for Van. Mr. Browne once wrote as tho possibly Mr. Knapp's permanent location might be submitted to the Mission, tho I hardly think Mr. K. came out this time with such an understanding. Then, as you hint, there are some trying conditions in Erzm. tho things are somewhat better we infer from what Mr. Stapleton writes us of late. That peculiar people seems settling into a more normal state on finding missionaries not likely to run right in to act as umpire between them & a missionary.

By the way, I think some of us that know Erz. field 'like a book' were rather struck at the late article of Mr. Chambers in the Herald in which he made that station to stand 2d in the Mission in per cent of self-support: he also had more than half of their outstations in Russia, albeit they have just about as much supevision of them as have we, or any other Station of the Mission. Supposing an independent work were to start up in Odessa, as did that in Karakalen, would that also go to the credit of selfsupport in the E. Field? He should recall how his own classmate in Persia, wrote years on the part of that Mission quite as near Russia as E. & oftener passing that way so as to take an interest in that work almost to the point of entering upon it, protesting almost against any help being rendered there, feeling they could carry their own work from the beginning. Only this last post a letter comes to me from that renegade helper referred to above & one of the Prots. in Kars, and an old acquaintance of ours asking for help to set him up as preacher for that people, which of course we shall not do. But if we were to have a hand there when they carried their own burdens & we had no particular connection why should we make such outside lifts go to show as tho the people in the land of the F. were doing so much more in proportion. It is not a right showing. That Erz. city people should long since been fully selfsupporting & that would be something to boast of but not armslength places that we have nothing to do with. I recall a remark you made in Dr. Dewey's & my presence at your office last year as to the unsoundness of policy at E. but that piece in Herald put it w next to the head! I inclose matter as to orphas Mousn way with list of boys in photo taken here at E. that Dr. Ussher will send you from Van direct. Have sent by this post one of them to Miss Emily Wheeler - Worcester.

Most respectfully yours,

R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cole, Erzerum, Aug 26, 1900.

Dear Friends:- Ellis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Jan. 27th. 1908.

In sending Patrons of our orphans two posts back various inclosures we spoke of following with still more from our Bassourian branch. We have the larger part of what we had in mind at hand & some perewit.

We had hoped to take some of the poor girlies of that illiterate province into the orphanage there ere this, but delicate conditions that came near several obstructions have hindered us hitherto. Our preacher of Kough city, is our representative in care of those dear children, his wife also like real mother doing very helpful, while a regular-teacher is with them all the time. Our preacher in sending letters forwarded to translate & forward expressions of delight in the boys that constitute a partial their family, as it were, they occupying adjoining rooms. Says "I am quite comfortable in them all, for religiously & morally they are most careful & obey the regulations of the School. They have written those letters in their own language & idioms with nearly no corrections. The progress of some of them is most marvelous, for instance, an erstwhile Dobassarian who could not read two years ago now sends this so attractive-looking letter, while nearly most of them is very apt in use of Artisan's tools also. They do what they can to save expense by shovelling snow from their roofs, bringing water, etc. Their great anxiety is to be kept on their age & progress in Christian education will render them useful to their own Bassourian."On account of pitiful condition I was in after the death of my parents. Not only was I without father or mother but I was left sister or brother nor military relative - with a homeless wanderer of earth lying down at night upon the bare ground like dumb beasts! How thankful I am that you took pity on such a poor one & brought me here. Now I can seek to cleanse my life & have a white soul by making proper use of my time here. I am glad of this opportunity of expressing personally my gratitude, as now I am, having learned to read & write, besides many other things in this school. As your child I pray for you & that God add to the number of such as you. May pity other poor wandering unprotected orphans like me"Aug. Dec. 1907 yrs.

"Following the massacre of my father at Seligusan(Bassour) we were left in great straits, most of the time living on roots & that without salt! Now I am to write my gratitude to you & pray for you all" Character of 12 years.

"For two years I am here, thanks to your alliance, tho I am a wanderer on earth without father or mother. As making the best use of time". Errors of 12.

"Oh, how I suffered after the massacre of my father till taken into this school where I have learned to read, write & pray; so I can now express my gratitude to you & ask God that you may be here till we become useful" Aldness of 12.

"Though lost an of, had after the massacre of my parents I wandered here & there in search of food from door to door till taken into this orphanage. I did n"t know what a friend was, but now thanks to God & to you kind benefactors I can write my gratitude & hope you will feel your money has not been spent in vain."

Thus much may suffice for the letters that naturally have more or less a petition in them. I only wish photo-papers were at hand so we could send all those boys' pictures also & perhaps we may be able to some day. They are often praying for their benefactors. Most gratefully R.M. Dale, Missionary.

Mrs. G. W. Wood
Mrs. J. E. Wood

Buffalo, Jan. 27, 1900

MAR 8 - 1900

Dear Friends;- Bitlis, Feb. 3d, 1900

Our last general letter went out just as we were entering upon the Week of Prayer. Our meetings were fully attended & of unusual interest several new voices taking part, some of them from the orphans. It is a pleasant sight to note these dear children some of them clad in new coats; still more of them supplied with new testaments & hymn books, they enter with zest into the service-adding very perceptibly to our volume of music, albeit they are not surpliced as in the old church. They are partial to our services.

At the conclusion of the second week of our meetings Communion & baptism took place, though new admissions to the church were deferred till Easter.

Found--an Armenian bridal drum-beat lost since the events of '95, and this only an isolated case in a house possessing a drummer boy who caught up the long neglected music(?)box & gave it a few turns; but as a rule the few wedding accasions transpiring are almost funereal in their personnel as compared with the somewhat joyful times of old. Fasting is the one thing the poor people can do to perfection every time the church calendar points to the day, as so many have scarcely sauer-kraut to eat, unless they can beg a morsel from some door(not easy these times)to enjoy in their cold corners.

B."sons of the faithful"(?)have been at their devout(!)trick of turning night into day, as per behest of their Bairam & in their own unique way. Listen to the numerous dervish Rouse-up Committee that make the night hideous with the ceaseless beat of their old drums-each visit & especially the last of the fast to be punctuated with presents from those serenaded, for have they not under all sublunary weather kept up enough of bedlam let-loose to rouse the sleepy T.& keepso those of us Xns who would court Nature's restorer-balmy sleep. But it is all over now & our baioam calls made, while the last gun is about dying away on our surrounding hills & all been quiet. Our military chieftain, now acting in place of the Vali gone to Con/ple for his health, is sharp after disorder & most of all if it have a tinge of agitators about it. This last"gentry"by the way, seem determined to set the ball rolling Moush way-they making it almost intolerable for the poor villagers. If any surmise that the disposal of one Serope leader insures quiet let them recall the old saying"Kill one fly & five more come to bury him"!

We are very sorry to say that one of our helpers I about the same as dismissed on score of confidence as to his proclivities & his pupil, both of whom Mr A. took up, have come so near to being among the prophets that the former has done well to beat the northern retreat while the other is fast in our prison at B.-all owing to very damaging writings the former left with him. Said former has a Bro. in insane asylum, Ct., U.S. while a sister seems"off"& the man himself had no sounhd mind, one would think to leave about such material rather to have written it at all. Cordially to all, Watchman.

Bitlis, Turk. 2/3/00

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Bitlis, Turkey-in-Asia, February 9/00.

ev.James L.Barton,D.D.,

Dear Dr.Barton:-

Thanks for your kind letter of 12th ult. at hand by last mail,announcing the grant for our girls'school teacher at oush,which fact was also stated in a letter from the W.B.Sec.Miss Child.I m also writing our thanks to her for the timely allowance.

Yes,we all in E.T.too were much relieved when we heard the Van party had rrived safe & sound; but when you learn from their own letters the terri-le experiences they had,if not narrow escapes you will see how wise was our thought that they not pass beyond Erzroum till spring. It was quite a ainst our judgment & we so stated it to Dr.Ussher,punctuating it with the uggestion that he & Dr.Raynold were assuming weighty responsibility in en-ering upon such a winter campaign for ladies & that inexperienced in Turky owever,we'll hope that all's well that ends well,and Dr.R.was so desirous

Perhaps it was last week that Miss Mary Ely sent in a light letter to ou; so they may have reported their own health bill-the wiser way I think. er sister does n't get out of her room yet,tho I have in gentle ways hinted t might conduce to her more rapid recovery of strength. No,the doctor(U.) id n't touch here on going from E.To Van,but took the Alashgerd route. Of course e do all we can for Miss Ely,which is little. Her need does n't seem to be edicine,tho the presence of a Mission doctor,or her being by one,would help o doubt.

Thank you much for sending on the money to our dear Frank in Walla Walla. nd we are glad to know you are doing as we believed would be-searching for he right man for Bitlis,and may the Lord lead you to him in the matter!

Things about as usual,tho taxation even more rigid. Inclosures will give ews items,while you might pass on to St.Louis that on Ramazan,if best. I ever get a word from the friends & know not what to make of it.

With cordial greeting from all,etc. R. M. Cole

MAR 31 1900

Bitlis, Turkey-in-Asia, via Cons/ple, Feb. 23/00.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Quite likely this may find you have taken shipping & may be on the pathless deep en route for India, as per news. Still one of your colleagues will take up you 'white man's burden' and carry it till your return. I think much of this visiting of the secretaries to the various fields rather than their always working so much at armslength. Is n't it about time for you to come to our Mission 'lest you forget' the language and so you may rectify what you left undone-visit the other Stations of E.T. There are many weighty questions connected with the work & in the 'multitude of counselors is safety'; if you cant take us in but pass by on the Suez side we trust you will consider it our turn next time at least. You have this time know what it was to journey in the land even to Markin within three days of Bitlis, and so could bear the hardship better than novices in the land. During my late absence in America more than a score of our people moved on to Erzroum (en route for 'regions beyond' if papers may be had, most likely) and on the 13th inst. eleven more left via Syria for expatriation, one former Dea. of this church. Thus it is this people cant hold out in the terrible life they have to lead & it is not to be wondered at for most of them. I was much tried with one of them however, as he was one of our teachers in this city on a good salary & suffering no oppression like villagers, and what is more he gave me no information till within a few days of time of leaving. It is trying sometimes to see graduates of our schools & helpers of several years standing not exhibiting more sense of higher Christian manhood.

By the way, it would seem Dr. Ussher is likely to be permanently tethered at Van, tho while here the first time he spoke as tho he might return to Hot in eight months. Such an arrangement would be very satisfactory to us at B. as well as Van; for with the medical Mrs. Stableton at Erz. for ordinary cases and Dr. Thom for Mardin & Harpout the Van two medical men ought to keep good eye enough on V. & B. only three days away so you be free to run us in a live missionary, rather than sole doctor, post haste, for we need one for help now.

Health of circle as usual. Weather Springlike. All quiet. Hastily, etc.

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R. M. Cole

P.S. Seems true this Company gentlemen is on the Floor perhaps for Bible teach-ing & clothing.

R. M. C.

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GLIMPSES FROM AFAR.

Watchman! what of the night may be asked of us standing down amid the dark areas of the land & particular region whence the great flux of human gore so surged forth over other provinces as well till multitudes were sacrificed. LM'95

Though our vilayet seems the last to improve, yet we hope some effort in that direction is being made at the capital; but with so little veracity in accurate information, and with such unscrupulous officials it is hard for His Majesty to accomplish what he might be inclined to by way of reform; while moreover, information reflecting on the administration would hardly savor of safety, as past experiences have shown more than once.

Tax-gathering, especially in the villages, is cost inexorable & regardless, but what can be done about it when Govt. is in such need of money for expenses with the nearer Powers so busied in their own concerns-Eng. with her South-African war, Russia in movement of her troops in the Caucuses, etc., this Govt. seems free to act its own sweet will without let or hindrance, while the political outlook for the coming spring is far from assuring or very encouraging. There has been such utter stagnation in business so long the people in desperation seek an exit anywhere for a change-"easily" jumping out of the frying pan into the fire", as it requires so much money to secure papers that have actually transed, the filthy lucre in act to serve as a talisman hereafter to change for the better. Villages will be sorely tax between, while village robbers, naturally finding less fruitful fields for plunder & not being addicted to industry any more than Indians on the prairies, from evidence of the little poverty, so afford the local governments all the more trouble cost unduly rates of interest, formerly on money (in which I am sorry to say Christians sometimes took a hand) and now on chattels-perhaps before it is sold in order to pay taxes or debt. The well from the door, is rapidly driving servants from their homes & farms to be wanderers on the face of the earth. Families from our city have gone out not knowing for where, in their bewilderment, to seek by what little they had perhaps to be turned back for a pittance, not to be landed in durance vile for venturing without road-paper. Some after no little sacrifice & from help of members of the family having gone around before straitened conditions arose have secured expatriation papers & turned their backs on native land together with many relatives. Some have arrived outside the border to find life & money no so easily secured & again think back to this the ideal land for the poor, if but conditions were somewhat improved. Dress, eat, live as they may they are in style & have no occasion to call for a new hat or bonnet with each change of the moon! Urmia, Feb. 24th, 1900.

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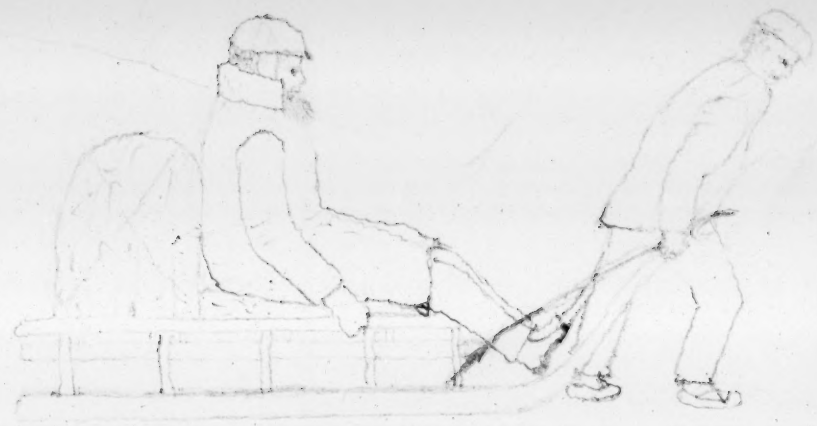

Turkey Circuit Rider on Runners

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Still not a little traffic goes on by this human conveyance always only too
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The old-time handsled has not become so obsolete as to be forgotten by at st some of the grown-up Yankee boys of northern New England, since in the ly years it acted an important part in landing huge backlogs in generous fireplaces; or, perchance, contributed its part towards gala coasting ex- itions of lads & lasses down some tempting hillside. But in Turkey it es on a more utilitarian turn in that it replaces America's sleigh with gling bells behind fiery steeds, and the railcar with its puffing iron horse tahoug it is called out here, while its construction & appearance are as e as they are unique. It is only 18 inches wide, about a foot high and e long-its runners turning up in front about as high as a sleigh, from the s of which sticks or raves turn over & downward till they are fastened to front posts below on either side. The draught is from the turn at top in rave, tho for a change the hand may drop down & seize hold the runner.

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~~EVERMERGED~~ CONGREGATIONALISM.

Permit a foreign worker in the land whence people like to migrate, if they can possibly find an escape, to turn a glance-backward to the home-land ~~where we left again some 15 months ago; not that we have longing to be there, but~~ to follow with our eye certain of our Orient flock that are already habitants of the to them at least 'wonderful freedom's land', while others, in spite of all our persuasion have cut loose from such thralldom & are on the way thereto.

Though we never preach "isms" but Christ & Christianity to them, still their eyes are opend by our Christian education so that they would rid themselves of priestly domination. If ever here they have not learned our particular order in the church army, they are not long in America before they find out that 'their missionaries' are Congregationalists & their patron saint is the American Board'. Having left such shackles behind & knowing it is their missionaries' land, is it small wonder a kind, appreciative word goes so far with them in their simplicity & enthusiasm as they reach the to them new & ideal world!

Assuming that our Armenians, as well as others, do have the kinly word as they land, my concern is for them as they begin to locate & absorb the to them new surroundings that take fast hold of them at this impressible period of their life there, and most of all in the spiritual & moral personnel; for naturally our Armenians are a religious if not theological race, but need leading. Let our Endeavorers & Y.M.Cs gather them into their meeting, assuring them of liberty occasionally to pray in the foreign tongue till they can manage the new, as was accorded our Armenian friend & Swedes in A Mass. college town we passed a year a decade since-their little talk is with the Lord who knows all languages, while the stimulus suggested will help others than themselves. But most of all should they have their regular church home per their affiliations, so they be not dwarfed or wholly submerged spiritually; and where they are in sufficient number encourage them to have an occasional service by themselves in their own language, as preachers in that tongue may be had & let our young American do missionary work at home by initiating them into later methods of Christian work, & watch that they are at their church home. Left to drift for themselves theirs may be like it was with a veritable convert from Islam who having made his escape from the Turkish capital found himself in Worcester, Mass. Not being familiar with sectarian shibboleths he set out to establish his church home for Sab. attendance. "Where would you like to go" said one of "distinguished titled divines of town when he happened to accost on the way. "Oh where the minister is just like our missionaries" frankly answered the Oriental in his bewilderment at seeing every sort of Ch. spire.

But if they need introduction to church & Sab. ways all the more do they need retentive persuasion for the same, not only in the brotherhood of those near at hand but through the churches, if of sufficient number to have a service by themselves, as at Fresno, Cal. where are more than a hundred families, many of them from our regions & known by us as respectable, industrious. From what they write us they have been coldly left by Congregationalists even tho they sought to set running a church themselves-perhaps not knowing they should apply to the home-Soc. Sec'y to whom I am now appealing at San Fran. if, perchance, he lend a hand to this Congl. seedling from the Orient, that need not be thus submerged, never to rise.

Turkey, Feb. 1?

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Private.

P.S. For prudent reasons I usually sign myself Watchman, for this I ask not please to have articles written from this Board be what they may.

We are not a little comforted in your long! Work. Some one is kindly sending us

With cordial greetings from Asia

Yours sincerely

R. M. Cole

American Board

Bitlis, Turkey in Asia

via Constantinople Feb. 22/00

Bitlis, Feb. 22, 1900

Dear Friends;- Bitlis, Kourdistan, March 9th, 1900.

February, too, was to us about all we could ask for a winter's month. We had sun most of the time, no severe weather & hardly enough addition to December's snow to aggregate ten feet-something more than half that of last winter. But it is all so nearly gone in town now that slush & mud characterize the streets, especially in market. For four days & nights we have had rather bountiful rains intermixed with snow & sleet; while electrical fulminations took a hand! The phenomenon of a brisk thunder storm is not infrequent in Bitlis when its accompaniment is a downfall of large-flaked snow this & nothing more; as if old Cumulus could n't quickly adjust his machinery as he drives in among our Kourdish mountains from warmer Mesopotamia. Thus it is March-coming in "like an army with banners" is breaking the weather record, so that roads are suited neither for handsleds nor caravans, while we are seeking to get off quite a large & new cargo of cotton & nutgalls for Dr. Raynolds-there being more than 100 bales, about 1000 Bot. some Lt. 350. value This is not the first time doctor's orders have arrived at such unfortunate seasons when delays & extra expense have been absolute necessities.

--Five rich gentry of the young T. party of Smyrna have been sent here recently. They have their doctor & chaplain of their own number, dress finely, are well educated, and move in the best society, beginning with acting Govr. down! Some official remarked they were better suited for Paris & had better gone there where they would had less influence than among our prurient people.

--Boston friends of ours donated us $45 worth of medicines of common sort, but when they reached C. they were tabooed as "Patent" & Mr. Heizer had to return them whence they came, as was the case with a good supply of Pain Killer years ago! To be sure poor people of this land should n't be imposed upon by nostrums when there are other special short-cuts to malpractice near at hand -The well-to-do of town are being called up to square the tax-account of the poor, dead & missing, while things for the count have been taken from houses in some of the wards.--We are busy at adding to & preparing for many more orphans, partly as new German patrons have arisen, we are happy to say.--The movement towards Russian church in E. vilayet is taking ominous effect here. Our E.T. prospective Anl. Meeting cools off before it was hot, partly from the chilly whiff Mardin gives it; and really conditions, difficulty in agreeing on the time, etc. make it not easy, while for a fragment of the Mission to come together seems hardly worth the time & expense. The Lord direct!

Cordially to one & all,

Watchman.

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, March 10th, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of 6th ult. just at hand, and as I happen to have a new sort of news Notes out, think I will dash off a word to you & so keep the ball rolling under times when you friends seemed to have been rendered rather uneasy as to these region from the view a correspondent touching at Trebizond, had given. No, we have no new complaints to make, but report that "tranquility prevails", as you know the Levant Herald so often puts it. Those insane agitators try to set something going Moush way, and a rumor is afloat that the Is have had an affray among themselves at the City; but of that we are far from certain, since a letter from our preacher there only four -no, ten days old, as bad roads delayed it- makes no reference to untoward things, tho our preacher speaks in high terms of the new muteserrif arrived a short time since.

Health of our Station about as usual. Miss Ely is about the house much as formerly, tho has not ventured abroad as yet I believe. As I have before written you I am of the opinion, since Van is so near, that the effort better be to secure the live missionary to help reap this harvest, but if his wife might be a physician sufficient to carry home practice in our circle & Schs. all the better: but in any case have the missionary. Now Dr. Ussher is to located at Van permanently without doubt, one of the two doctors ought to be available quite often for us at Bn. There should be thought of securing another lady worker here & such was asked for when Miss Knapp's name was first submitted & when these Es were much younger than now. We Coles could likely bring in one from the Eng. friends, as at Van, but others than we should feel the need & be willing to help such to quarters, as they have room, & we not.

Hastily, cordially yours,

R M Cole

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Bitlis, Turkey in Asia, via Cons/ple, Mch. 17/0

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton; -

I herewith hand you our Station Report & Tab. View, that for the most part explain themselves I judge. It seems so altogether doubtful about our having an Anl. Meeting of the Mission it seems best to hasten it on for you for what it is worth - allowing it the merit of being on time, which counts for "being twice done" my old beloved teacher, the late ex-Prest. Seelye of Amherst College, used to say.

It seemed best to put in most of the places that have been occupied as outstations in the past, tho for want of funds & other reasons they are not be-occupied at present. You probably will have heard through Erz. or others in Mission that there is a pretty general movement in the E. vilayet for the Gregorians to turn over to the Russian Orthodox church. Our U.S. Consul of E. writes me the 1st. inst. as follows, "The collection of taxes is being pressed with such rigor that there is a general movement among the villages to join the Russian church, but whether the Russian Govt. is fostering or encouraging the movement can't be ascertained". As my notes of last week showed these movements are taking effect in this vilayet very naturally, tho as yet it is the Catholics that seem ahead, as in the Van region. Thus it is the poor people in perfect bewilderment turn they know not to whom or what if but there be something for a change, without any thought of the future. About all that remains for us is 'stand still' trusting that the 'salvation of the Lord' is to come to the poor people in some way, tho it may be dark to us at present.

We trust knowing what you do of conditions in these parts no apology for the poor showing our Tab. View gives you is needed. Still you will I am sure feel that even the a little over 25% on contributions means more than for other places in proportion. If in some places by digging up a little dirt they can seem to find money, ours is not so - even the digging here with impunity being forbidden. Still ours it is to work on with an eye on the God of Missions feeling sure He has something better for this so belabored land & people.

Hastily, cordially yours,

R. M. Cole

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Dear Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 7th/00.

Just after our last general letter was closed on the 10th of March the weather took cold & set to wheezing, if not sneezing, so that the wind & snow held high carnival till more than two feet of darkey's "white rain" had supplemented our over twelve feet of previous dates for the winter. Naturally this downput caused delay in our mails-there being no arrivals from the Black Sea way for almost two weeks. As good fortune would have it, however, those days, and from the prurient curiosity of our international P.M. who caught it in the transit between consulates, we stole some of Van's thunder respecting progress of So. African war,-so true is it that Bitlis is out round -on the electrical roadway it is seen! By the way, Bitlis shows other signs of progress-the Post office actually having lockboxes-@25Ps. a year!

The Van consul having left home on Sunday succeeded in reaching here on the same sacred day-"Welcome sweet day of rest" say we old fogies! The Eng. officer south-ward bound as far as S'ert "to see spring" may come back tomorrow another Sunday. His ostensible office is to secure expatriation right of Consulate dragoman & family that plan to leave for the delectable land ere many days, while with them goes another of our teachers with his family-the whole with retainers aggregating well on to a score instead of "baker's dozen", as with the other party reported as leaving sometime since, under lead of a former deacon of this church. Others still are pluming their wings for flight! Agitators have not a little to do with utterly discouraging certain in the provinces especially. One church member of our people is in danger of being mangled to death for telling the truth as to their fiendish murder of two of his neighbors & so there seems no way out for him to flee-leaving his family.

Master frog gave us his first spring warble here on Aprilfool day & was apparently at least "penny wise", since snow has so disappeared as to be little in evidence save upon the mountains & within shady places; while plowing and sowing progress well on the plains & up to within five hours of us at B.

The emigrants go via Diar. & Syria, one of them turning out to be still another teacher & graduate of our Mt. Holyoke Sem'y. We tried to bridge the chasm between Bitlis & New York city the other day by engaging her to a young man for some years within that metropolis of our own native land.

We are doing a little something to relieve some most desperately poor ones in hopes of averting starvation awhile longer, the some said to have gone already. Oh, for a brighter day in these regions of such abject poverty & distress!

Most sincerely yours, Watchman.

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Not allowed to open small orphanage in province of Van for Southern girls now for in Mardin city. We hope and think ten or 15 Bronsa & Bitlis girls for the Mosha order. We are glad to have news of our Kurds taking our place in the land of Kurds!

Bitlis, April 14th, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:

I am of the opinion nothing has gone to you for some little time; so here goes a Cole again for lack of something better! My letter will have to be short indeed but Watchman spoke some days ago for our missionary friends of the field & you may find interest in the news part for want of something better, since you are in a sense of our land

From what we hear by travelers there has been an affair between Kourds on Moush plain that agitators would be only too glad to magnify, and which would be still worse by the time it reached the press of your side of old Earth.

The notorious Moussa of former times has a grown-up son following in the steps of the father who by demand of the Embassies is still held an exile at Mecca. In an affray between his band and another village-25 of whose inhabitants his late grandfather had burned alive within their houses from revenge some 25 years ago-three of his retainers are reported killed, tho he seems to have escaped the bullets. Soldiers have been posted off in that direction as if to quiet the troubled waters. Other matters fairly quiet.

I am sorry to say that Mrs. Cole is rather poorly just now from a cold that came near to putting her in for pneumonia. As Dr. Ussher would hardly go a day out of his way to touch here on his return from E. I may suggest his looking in upon us-there being some complicated cases of illness among our orphans also. We are yet in doubt as to Ann. Meeting matter, tho Mr. Knapp's at hand this day thinks it is growing more doubtful & says W.T. is not to have their Mission meeting this year. We are very busy in gathering in 100 more orphans German friends have offered to provide for perhaps for 3 years.

This much for a hasty note on our status at present.

As ever yours, R. M. Cole

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Dr. James L. Dutton, D.D.,

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Bitlis, May 12th, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

It may not be out of place that I should say something of Educational work in the male department of this Station, and in it may be included our boy orphans gathered into our schools here & at Moush city.

I am sorry to say that not since our worthy teacher, Armenag Gagosian, graduate of Hpt. College, was smitten down in the event of '95 have we succeeded in securing another from there-they usually pleading danger, etc. tho probably they feel greater attraction about that great educational center, whence, also the path outward is easier when they would emigrate, as most plan to do. Still I am writing that if our own College & Sem'y can do nothing for us we shall turn to Aintab & Marash, unless our few candidates be satisfied with what they can get from our high school course when we have the college grad. In coming from America over a year ago we saw some interesting young students natives of Diarbekir & who knows but we could draw one of them for teacher. By the way, it seemed rather strange if Bad. Hagop at D. were so friendly to H. as they set him down to be, he should seem to have lent his influence to send nine of his young men south instead of northward to the nearer college. But come whence he may we much need our man the coming Sept. as boys are larger, classes advanced, while number of pupils is much increased largely due to so many orphans gathered in & some of whom are hopeful for future helpers we see. We already have six teachers & over 200 (210) pupils under instruction in B. all save 40 being within this enclosure from which I write, and they are of a near ward in a building authorized by Govt. We have had to rent rooms to accommodate both the boys & girls (100) of our new German friends, tho for prudent reason we try to have most of the lessons go on within this Firmanli Sc. Some 70 of the boys here & 26 in our Sassounian Plant at Moush are our dear orphan boys, God's own "Little children" that we trust He is to make a power in the land for good. Their presence in our schools constitutes a sort of magnet to draw in such as can or do pay on expenses as was not usual formerly, for all the poverty is so much greater & our teacher is not a college grad. Without doubt our Eng. language gives no little impetus in that direction, as the coming Armenian has eyes on parts where that tongue would be needed, unless conditions change for the better soon, for which there is little hope. For five years we have sought in vain for governmental regonition of certain schools & teachers' diplomas; for a long time officials have said the papers were lost, but last week our preacher got sight of them & we hope for them at no distant day now, all of which must be counted progress for this land! but the harrassing conditions are rapidly depriving us of Xs-four groups of near a score each having gone within two yearswhile another is pluming for autumn flight-we thus being deprived of teachers & pupils from our schools not a few. We are sorry to hear that the E. people seem determined to deprive us of our Moush so important helper, missionaries notwithstanding. He is much needed in that educational & evangelistic center & will not leave without our protest, if it comes to that, as rumor tells us is imminent. With their abnormal Sa'ly for these parts, he is tempted naturally. As Tab. View showed our Schs. were fairly successful in the outstations also. Sincerely, R.M. Cole.

Bitlis, May 12, 1900

Dear Friends:- Bitlis, Turkey-in-Asia, May 14/00

After various hooks & crooks Eng. consulate dragoman-party left on the 17th ult. while the Van Vice-consul moved on homeward-bound from his trip to S'ert region. In lieu of nothing better we consented to give hospitality to the Consulate Archives till it is seen as to what may be done, tho we protested against extra clerical work-our present duties being more than we can carry. The Van official re-rented house, authorized cavass to move in & to fly the flag, as if a new incumbent might come on suited to emergency. Now the E. official, in keeping with economy to say the least, does n't see why this expense should go on with such uncertainties but refers to Van. Herewith comes in clerical work, since both officials must be written to-all the more now that cavass & houseowner are both clamoring for the month's allowance "Always room for more" must apply to our duties in such cases, most likely, as not infrequently we fraternity up & down are dependent upon their offices. Certainly there would seem good reasons for the continuance of the Consulate within this so fanatical vilayet, if anywhere, in hopes of more safety & sympathy for the so impoverished & oppressed Christian subjects especially, for which end I am happy to say the Erzroum consul has labored but in vain, as seems.

No progress in our vilayet in turning over to the Russian or Romish Chh, save that a petion for the latter said to have been referred to Rome per the "Patrick" of S'ert. Extreme religionists are not easily turned over to anotre

Our friendly neighbor Colonel in a recent call assured us the concession for Russian branch R.R. not only to E. but to Treb. was genuine & that this Gt. was to prolong it from E. down through this Bitlis pass to Aleppo "Mashallah"! we should felt like saying if by faith we might have brought its realization near! But as it was we felt there was point in what his superior (acting govr) said "vakut var" probably meaning it would take time, & so believe we all of us! If R. actually gets such a plowshare into the country (possibly the camel's nose!) who shall say that rivalry for the Euphrates route will not increase! Oh for occupation & manly liberty for the impoverished, disconsolate people! anything but this betwixity, disturbing state that we fear R. may be fostering. If her agents seldom reach here now, they have left their slime in most depraved local converts that are quite too much in evidence. Recently they executed vengeance on the chief of an Akhlat village, claiming he had 'told on' them to Govt.; drawn outside the village these so_called Xns hew down one of their own race heedless of the wails of his wife & children! Such madness! In place of rallying to the arrest of the culprits, the two police in town insisted on the villagers surrounding them lest a similar fate be theirs!

Easter passed off with interest, we having Communion one Sab. in B. & the other in Khoultig-floral decoration & special music being a new feature at B. Giving out to certain of the poor-passing seedgrain to two villages-in one of which a few children & a bride seem to have starved to death. Our 100 new orphans mostly in hand now. Cordially to all, Watchman.

Bitlis, May 14, 1900

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, May 16th, 1900.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

After acknowledging your last kind letter of 30th March, I might, perhaps, refer to Educational & Orphanage work in the nature of supplementary report, if you choose so to call it. Some time since I sent you the general Station Report, a copy of which went to Dr.Burnham of St.Louis for our friends there who never take the trouble to acknowledge whatever we send -in contrast, by the way, from the course of our Bangor friends who support a helper-their deacon sending a letter now & then as assurance of prayer & sympathy.

So far as now appears no Anl.Meeting project is to materialize for this year at least, and the time is far spent if it were to begin June 15th. The new method of allowing nothing for the same outside of regular appropriation and recalling the long established rule that there can be no exchange between the departments in charging, casts rather a cold breath on the affair. If Touring might come in to help on expense of delegates it would be pretty exhaustive on that dep't, for instance, in Hpt. if their full quota were to set out for Van, don't you thing so? Of course those voting against it have not a few other reasons they may have stated to you. I at first voted for it, as did Miss Knapp both times; but on learning how slim the representation was to be, & that largely of inexperience; perceiving that Mardin as a body voted against it & gave no hope of a delegate unless it were Dr.T.-not much of a missionary; knowing as I & you do your Mr.Brown's ever indifference on the matter, while the ladies at Hpt, so far as they voted, I believe, put themselves on the negative ~~to~~ by 'back up that side with strong written argument', as said Dr.Dewey-these things, I say, not to refer to the chronic conditions in the country, led me to change to the negative side, while in theory the Ely sisters were there all the time. I say in 'theory', because the older sister, prejudiced against voting, did n't sign it at all, as did n't some other ladies in the Mission. I could but hint at consistency: if their three names could go down virtually saying I should n't have a certain one for my male associate, why not they sign a vote for Anl.Meeting that has as much relevancy to Woman's work as man's, has it not? Are n't we gents held to a vote in Woman's Dept, but they not in ours? This rule has not been carried out in E.tho we are sometimes spoken to: if we were assured such safe ones always as the Es it would be different; but like others of us, they have seen their best days & provision should be made for emergency. The 2d lady asked for by the Misson years ago with Miss Knapp should be sought for if our judgment is worth anything. Miss K. has n't practicability, which falls largely on Miss Mary E. who Dr.U. seemed to fear might collapse before her sister even, and when one fails the other would follow, as they never work apart. So far as appears to us they both seem fairly well, tho Dr.U. had a doctor's way of estimating them & seemed to feel Mrs.C. too needed a change, if not myself, that he would have us take in visiting Van. but Watchman may give the news.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Cole

Bitlis, May 16, 1900

Dear Friends & Relief Patrons:- Bitlis(Bitlis)Turkey-in-Asia, May 30th

Poverty & relief of the same to some extent, have become an old story for this so unfortunate land & so far perennial that under present conditions we see little hope of cessation. But if your eyes & ears are tired of reading & hearing about it all the more taxing is it for our hearts & hands, as well as heads, while we stand down in the midst of this maelstrom of hunger & desolation that bid fair to engulf humanity erelong! Like Jerimiah of old, were 'our heads fountains of tears' for sympathy hardly the demand of circumstances would be met, tho so engrossed are we in devising measures to conserve humanity, as well as ward off actual starvation.

Being the only male missionary of this Station, duties proper & routine work are quite beyond what I can carry satisfactorily; but amid all this how can we close our eyes to the suffering about us, even tho that for which I was sent to the land primarily has to suffer much at times & I with it! In place of feeding the souls of men with spiritual food in direct lines, so much of these our nearing 32 years in the country has gone for 'service of tables' that our paper files are not only overrun with Relief documents, tickets, etc. but they wellnigh find their way into our bibles from interruptions sprung upon us at family prayers in this place where a rap at the door is little a/c. But we keep carrying as best we can, Mrs. C. & I, while our young daughter Hamie of 18 also lends a helping hand in very many ways naturally.

We are giving out to several villages wheat, rye, millet, etc. for the same for seed realizing some of it will be eaten where starvation is so imminent. In one of these villages a bride & two or three children died from attempt at subsisting on greens & roots, as testified Moslems as well as Christians. There are other villages in about as critical a condition & our agents are among them as looking to speedy relief & we wish you could look upon as well as sample some of the dietary they have sent in-greens, grass-seed bread, etc! Small wonder, you would say, the people feel th Heavens above are brass & the earth beneath iron'. Still pitiless taxation goes on with the same rigidity. The village of nearly four hundred houses that went through the bloody orgy of '95 with all its spoliations has most of its stock(50 cows, 17 mules, 110 sheep, etc.) hustled off into town recently to be sold for taxes & was not released till a pledge for 5,000Bs of the 11,000 demanded for old & new, as also that for the dead, lost & absent, while the people are near starvation!

There is much suffering in this city also, especially among refugees long drawing out an existence by begging from door to door, with a little work & a little help we give in discreet ways, especially to widows & half orphans. But all that can be done is like touching the fringe of the poverty,-so general has it become partly from stagnation of business & no permission to go elsewhere in search of work.

Gratefully, anxiously,

P.M.Cole.

Buds, May 30, 1900

Dear Friends:- Bitlis, June 12th, 1900

Our new Vali, Hussiny pasha, from Cons/ple region, came into town with usual display on Sunday the 27th ult. On his telling us rather familiarly as to the hardship of his journey up from C., how it cost 300 Liras, etc. we ventured to say that if the much talked-of R.R. were ready it would not have cost him more than 100. We were invited to the reading of his proclamation. By the way, we hear a London Illustrated has drawn sufficiently on imagination so that our Bitlis valley is surprised by having a train of steamcars going rushing down through it! Oh, for less of paper wads & more of execution!

Moush new abbott, native of Aintab-Papkeh by name-on from Jerusalem via C. where he served for a time in pretty good repute apparently by the Patriarch has just been paying a visit here to meet the new Vali & perfect the socalled order for opening a girls' orphanage in Moush. Calling on us at an unfavorable time to see our schools we invited him & the abbott of this place to an afternoon tea. During the conversation the former broached what he has before done to our preacher at Moush, that we turn over our Sassounian orphans to be provided for in one of their monasteries in those parts-we paying the bills. Without careful conditions, perhaps like some of the income of said monastery being applied, our having the veto power in control, etc. ~~Still~~ we (d have so little hope the arrangement would be satisfactory no decision resulted.

One of the few Armenian Zabtiehs remaining in employ here had half his face & skull blown off by the explosion of a gun(his & by carelessness of his was the verdict of course!) Preparations being made & it is said two reg. of troops are leaving this week towards the Russian border as if to meet agitators from that quarter-said local gentry being too apparent in our villages. We have a new inspector(muarif)of schools here, an exconsul who passed two years in New York city as Ottoman official; on his return home he was hastened right on up this way as if to hold office for reasons known at Cons/l. We found him very pleasant & affable in our call-he using Eng. somewhat. He thinks America a wonderful country. Visited Wash., Chicago, West Point, etc.

We have given out over 200 Liras worth of seedgrain & more is following; also supplied many a boiman of salt as savory for villagers' greens-dietary. But suffering is becoming all the more acute new greens are drying up from heat. Grain has doubled in price the past weeks-millet 13, barley 14, rye 16 & wheat 18 piasters the Govt. gode, the bread is only 7, or increase of one quarter. Govt. has sought to keep prices down & of late sold 1000 goues to needy parties who could pay down at 2-5Ps. discount on a gode, which helped of course. Certain of dragoman's emigrating party have turned back, if not penny-wise, at least pounds poorer from not having satisfactory road papers, as said. Have tried to see our way clear to accept Van's urgent invitation to go over for a brief visit, but duty here seems to stand between.

Cordially to all. Watchman.

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Bitlis, via Cons/ple, June 12th, 1900.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Thanks for yours of 18th ult. at hand this post. Though my number of communications may exceed yours, still as we are in a sense reporters we should not withhold our brief missives, perhaps. Though Watchman generally comes in for a goodly part of secular news with us for about twice in the month, it seems natural to add something personal.

Yes, we, too, have followed with deep interest the New York Conference, but are sorry to say nothing aside from rather brief reports of it have yet reached us through the London Christian & Christian Endeavor World, though some other publications may find their way through the lines later.

Yes, there was material enough to have filled well an Anl. meeting Docket, but it will have to wait now on the point of the pen, so far as appears. You may be interested in knowing that the native dentist, member of B. Ch. but resident at Erz. two years in hopes of going "beyond" speaks very well of Mr. & Mrs. Stapleton; and that Aghajanian there had influence per his property power tho that was waning. Their new pastor now seems drawing sal'y from two sides! No permanent result realized for the Russian or Catholic Chh. here thus far. The Elys especially much pining for the encampment air. Most of us are rather faint but pursuing these overwhelming duties calling so loudly for a 2d man. What a figment of imagination that London picture of this valley (Black?) R.R. Our preacher Khachig-whom you know-in sending his parevs hinted that such enterprises for this land were only on paper. God grant something more in this case. Said paper has not come to hand so we can see what you spoke of.

Cordially from us all,

R. M. Cole

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Bitlis Jun 12, 1900

P. S. Speaking of our schools would say that I have little more to add above what I have already sent you for our male department's work. Sab. view gives the number of pupils. There is this of interest that when our assistant teacher at the large Khonting village where your old pupil Bu Krikore is preacher, came back for work here after Easter he brought on a few of his larger boys of their sch. - one of them being son of the head man who has paid down his dois expense till vacation. When we take into ac. that Gregorian have opened their sch. there this past winter for the first time since the "event" - the varlabed have sent his secy as chief teacher - it argues something for Prot. influence & our schs when even priest break away & send over their grown up sons to us, paying their bills under such poverty as they all are.

Station Report was sent Dr. Burnham & Louis direct for M. C.

Fortunately a native dentist from Eum is here and we are having our teeth set on edge (to 2/6 worth) if not that of our children! for in such a place & conditions we can't risk being without biting ability that might tempt us to try an iron spike some day! From clippings Dr. Drury sent us Mr. Richardson is having such a revival in his church as even E. T. ought to be proud of, but here we are without our male associate whose language would enable him to help at once.

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Dear Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, July 4th, 1900.

Pursuant to the day we Americans should celebrate, perhaps, we give a little time to a dinner at the Knapp house where if grandiloquent speeches are not made as looking to independence, reading of the "Declaration", etc. the occasion at least has significance in that the birthdays of one of our oldest & the youngest of our Circle, as also the 32d anniversary of the marriage of the one fragmentary family present all are included in the 1st & 2d. Following this we plan to set out for our usual encampment this date situate 600 feet higher than town, an hour distant & up on old Taurus' side verdant till now, the cessation of rains & summer heat give a seared, uninviting look.

Haying is already beginning, while the next ten days may witness harvest of barley if not of the earlier wheat fields. Crops apparent look well the lack of the "latter rains" is not a little regretted by the farmers outside. Hunger is so distressing we are attempting co-operation with the Prelacy in distribution of bread for a month now greens have ceased & new grain not arrived to cheapen the three to fourfold price of breadstuffs. There is quite a rush of grain towards Van so that our Tadwan is something of a shipment mart-there being ten to fifteen of the canvass crafts present at a time. Isolated cases of starvation among the villages, as per reports, tho it is difficult to verify such, and to attempt it invites a rush of all classes into town in hopes of rations-nolens volens! It has only taken the past few years to show to what depths of deception & unmanliness humanity will resort if but but they may gain some of the poor funds, since poverty is so general of late

Our one Bitlis dentist resident at Erzroum two years, probably as a stepping stone towards the delectable land, is making his circuit here for the trade & so enabling some of us to set our teeth on edge, if not those of our children! Even wild Kourds rein up in front of the office & 'think they would like to bite better'; a test time for the artisan was when many of his patrons some of whose shattered teeth he had made sure of, were run into prison not producing taxes of the poor, dead & missing as well as their own. [illegible] follow them to "durance vile" or await their release which has been ac[illegible] after vigorous telegraphing to Cons/ple & no little delay; so teeth ca[illegible] The latest development among our helpers is that our D. preacher informs he has written Mr. K. of Harpout in hopes there may be an opening for him in that field, but if not he shall probably take out his expatriation papers! We are sorry those educated so largely on charity & for the good of their own people who suffer rather than their teacher or preachers, have not more of selfsacrifice & devotion to the cause rather than run away to other lands Had an unexpected the pleasant visit of three days from Mr. Coan of Croomich on his way to visit his mountain Nestorian peoples in the Mosul regions. He had an escapade with robbers beyond Van-having one of his two zabtiehs shot by his tent door at night and his horses carried off with no redress thus far Kourds are rather up in arms in our regions also; so that we go to camp with a zabtieh, aside from other night guards. Cordially to all. Watchman.

Bitlis, July 4, 1900

TURKEY-OUTING NOTATIONS.

When we say 'Turkey' most revert in their minds to Constantinople, or coast towns, like Trebizond, Smyrna, or Beyrout and what they know of those somewhat modern ~~towns~~ cities. Ours, too, is Turkey, albeit you count it the submerged part, as it is veritable ~~Kowu~~ Kourdistan contentrated-regions equal to many another chapter of a new "Arabian Nights". But amid the wear & tear of our many-sided work, for health's sake, we must seek a change at some risk lest some of our number at least collapse under the great strain incident to relief & orphanage work, together with the educational, evangelistic, Accts., etc. not to mention other Station routine work falling to the only one ordained man of this great parish of some 500 villages or about 100,000 souls & 2 cities

But whither shall we hie us, shut in as we are by these old Taurus Mts. that only afford us a horizon of about 3 X 9 miles dimention, while wild Kourds are quite too rampant within these mountain passes. But with a government policeman as official sponsor for our safety, we betake ourselves, not to Constantinople stylish places, as Threapia, Princess Islands, etc. but near to a little mountain village whose name is Syndian & whose chief man is not Nero but Nuro by name, and how near he might come to his quasi-namesake in spirit if but he had the power we venture not to say.

Up here on this mountain side an hour (3 miles) from the city, and 600 feet higher, we have good water, air & fair quiet to our nerves so worn from the everlasting call for bread, clothing, etc. amid this so general poverty about. But what of our "Kiosk" or "Summer Cottage" in this resort? Ours are veritable "Dugouts" facing the N.E. & having for front doors & windows the most of one side-the roof being of poles, brushwood & dirt some two-feet thick. Here-under ground it is seen!-is our sitting room (& dining one as well) measuring all of 12 X 24 feet and with posts high enough to almost clear the dominie's head; while in the other corner young America has a small organ for music-lesson-a music-room as well, someone may remark & all for us three. But we are "dwellers in tents" at night-having our firearms, sword, etc. ready for emergency, feeling discretion is a good part of valor-'keep the powder dry' as well.

The coming to this place is no simple matter. Packs for men & tiny donkeys constitute our outfit-conveyance, while our special 'dispatch' is three horses that take us over the bridlepath (& there are few built roads in this part of the world) up along the stream that irrigates some gardens of town, passing through the most fanatical ward of this unique old town. Of course the 'street Arabs' hoot at us, exhausting all their known nouns & adjectives of derision, like "Prote, Protee, Pulote" (would it were Pilot & they knew its meaning) "Sakhali" (whiskered) "Prote"-the latter appellation for the benefit of the Dominie of course! Still if they keep at fair distance & shy no stone we give small heed & move right on, skirting the bowery of green trees & gardens at the ~~rig~~ right-encountering grotesque things & people as we go; Kourds with baggy Turkey trowsers of 'many colors partly covered with a Frank coat suited to winter & surmounted by the wildest looking turban so high colored on the head! But boo, halloo, here we are; Up from town to the purer air; Mountain, fountain, cool & rare, Give us your quiet-the Hermit's share, etc. Now if the 'mill gives out' this Retreat ought, perhaps, court the Muses if they dared venture into wild Kourdistan! Tho we go to town several times a week most of our number will get no little rest while the change will do us all good no doubt.

Bitlis Encampment, July 14th, 1900. R.M.Cole, Missionary.

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Dear "Christian":-

In the July 5th number of your valuable periodical I see reference to some acrimonious, missionary-hating paper in your city, that tries to make Missionaries the scapegoat for what is taking place in China of late! We are glad if it takes origin only in such a quarter & not with Lord Salisbury, as some of the native papers of Constantinople would have it. I can't think His Highness would, as reported in said papers, drop such an unguarded remark in a public speech, though it purports to come from the London Standard. Free speech & free press may be a good thing if not allowed to travel too much within the darker lands where credulity may suit personal ends. The bare fact of a newspaper statement as to this China matter is enough to set not afew officials in this land all agog; even before yours of the 5th was at hand it was a topic of conversation in town-two officials remarking to certain of our number that their papers laid the fault of the China mixture upon Missionaries; while some Armenian papers from Cons/ple accredit the statement to Lord Salisbury!

If the latter were confirmed we might 'appeal from Caesar to Caesar', & affirm what the noble Lord & other high Eng. officials have passed along as appreciative~~ly expressed~~ remarks as to services of this same Missionary class in humanitarian & other lines during the late mixed times in the land of the Crescent.

But relegating the question to China proper you do well to say that the 'charge for that land is false & absurd' hinting that when the European Governments prepare to partition out China for themselves resentment follows'. Might we not go back of that & say that opium-enforcement has been a festering sore among the people likely to break out sometime. The Eng. paper, Levant Herald Of Cons/ple, makes it out that the leading spirit of the Boxers is Prince Tuan who is exasperated because his son is not made Emperor!

Of course those in China could roll up scores of reasons both pro & con that are not apparent to dwellers in distant parts. If it seems out of place for any in Western Asia to make observations as to the China matter bear in mind our thought is a note of caution for pen & platform lest the wave set going in all these fanatical lands not have a pleasing effect at all. Anti-foreign feeling is only too apparent in all these lands of darkness & most of all in Heathen & Moslem countries where a mere spark is enough to show what can be realized, as seen in the mixtures of the past few years. Doubtless some of those who so eagerly spread palms in the way & were ready to crown The Prince of Peace king of the Jews were a little later among those to call out "Crucify him, crucify him"! The burning candle on a dark night causes purturbation among surrounding gnats that choose darkness rather than light, but when civilization calls for enlightenment who is at fault! So far as we have seen Missionaries are not likely to take up the cudgel in self defense, whether of pen or presence personally; but the people in their normal state often refer to what they owe this same class, while they draw comparison between them & others from outside who enter these Oriental lands officially or for trade but to leave behind detrimental influences too numerous to mention in this connection.

Turkey-in-Asia, July 23d, 1900.

An old Observer.

Rev. James L. Larton, D.D.

Bloomer.—The membership has more than doubled, 35 having been added the past year. The Endeavor Societies have increased from 60 to 112. The church votes to come to self-support, raising $700 for the pastor's salary—$300 more than was raised in 1899. Audiences are large. The Young People's Question Class presents questions of interest at one meeting and answers at the next. In his Bible class, Rev. D. A. Richardson, the pastor, follows the International Topics with the modification of the Pilgrim Course.

Ellis Camp, July 24th. 1900.

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Rev. James L.Barton,D.D.

Bitlis Camp, July 24th, 1900.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

I am not quite sure how much information you may have of matters about us from other pens than mine, but will not count on too much from others, since Mrs.C.being our postmistress we usually see what envelopes are marked for your way.

We are glad to know that the Parmelees of Treb.are taking their outing at Erzroum, as knowing all the points of that E.people & work it ought to be helpful to both missionaries & the people. When Anl.meetings do not come off a tete-a-tete talk with fellow laborers is beneficial. If the plan were to lighten up expenses by dropping some Stations & one of them were to be Treb,while the verdict were that something must be done for Erzroum re-inforcement by way of more experience, I doubt if a better one than Dr.Parmelee could be found among the available & of his years as well as experience with that particular E.people,as well as elsewhere. Perhaps I have passed on this thought before,however,if it be worth anything. Perhaps I have said before that the dentist-Armenian,who has done Lt.6.00 worth of sort of work for Mrs.C.& me)speaks fairly well of Mr.Stapleton but has much n't for compliments to pass on that Hohannes Aghajanian who wrote you. If Mr.S. were to leave E.& Dr.P.be re-located there,perhaps he could manage a new man fresh out from America. We should take more to Mr.S.because his wife is a physician,a sine qua non for these ladies here,albeit we Coles with a family of children have never felt so desperately on the subject as they at any time. By the way,I wonder how long the question of Cole's (male) associate is to hang fire. Only the other day,Miss M.Ely was speaking of good points in Mr. Richardson & made him out such as I wondered why she ever opposed him for Cole's associate,tho I did n't tell her so. His success in Bloomer,Wis. is such as to put the blush on some that have so opposed him. See enclosure.

Perhaps I have referred before to the three days visit we had from Rev.E. D.Coan of the Persian Mission, but you will be interested in quotations from a letter he send us from Mosul under date of the 7th inst. He had found nearly two scores of villages down from Sert to that point that had been burned,plundered & deserted from the reign of terror owing to depredations of a Kourdish chieftain,one Mustafa pasha,so-called. After telling of his leaving us & his trip to Sert Mr.Coan says"I was glad to see the Sert brethen.Poor creatures they are frightened nearly to death & their condition is like all others-unbearable. We reached Monsorea on Sat'y & spent a week in Jezereh,as it was impossible till Mustafa left,for safety's sake to move on. His reign in all the regi is absolute.& an Acct.of his deeds would fill volumes & is almost past belief" The caravan of which Mr. C. was a part had to serve the tyrant free a week & the last meal the poor villagers had to furnish was for 200! Many villagers were scattered among the rocks & could only look on to see Ks harvesting their crops"the sight of their desolated villages,ravaged fields & burning forests was one of the saddest I have seen". O Lord how long! All in usual health.

As ever, R.M. Cole

over.

P.S. By the way, in my last Semi-annual a/c I sent in a charge against Mission Treas^r as follows £7. 45^66 for "Old Mission books damaged & uncensored". Mr. Heizer answers "I cannot accept. You will have to arrange this through Boston". I have written you before as to the and how Mr. Ashdown thrust our Station into debt by ordering on from C. uncalled for books.— hundreds of Pias. worth of French books when that language was & may never again be in our sch. some thing over when Mr. A. run riot. With all those additions to our debt running it way up to nearly £7. 150, it seems though we ought as a Station be spared the weight of debt that would not fall if authorized by the Committee of Deputation, but as it is not woe to the one attempting cases of the same even if gold for attraction! I cant help be agitated at your end so we be at least relieved of the above so nearly up to £ 50; which it remains to be seen whether we shall rally from so much of the remainder as pertained to the Ashdown regime. I am personally pounds out of pocket from his rash course and our Station bids fair to be a much heavier loser.

You may find interest in enclosures from which you will please send to St. Louis as you may think best. I have never had a pen scratch from those Nations direct tho Dr. Bu[illegible] ham a former College mate at Amherst gave me one good full letter as to the Y. P. C. E. Soc. there, &c. I answered his and may write him again, as it is clear that I address him as Rev., which is more than I know as to what I sent the Soc.

Rev. R. M. Colt
Bitlis
Oct 22, 1900

Dear Friends:-

July has left us, tho a month of peculiar significance for the C. family. The first day was the anniversary of their marriage 32 years ago & also of the birth of their youngest daughter now living, 14 years ago. Two other births & two deaths also chronicled within the same four weeks; six joyful & sad memorials intermixed within one & the same month is unusual indeed even for larger families. But with their fourteen-year old at home they are -not faintly it is hoped-pursuing their weighty duties so manifold also.

Since last issue of Notes there have been events a few that would give ample scope for sensational reporters to make up glaring headlines in usual daily papers, possibly causing outside friends much more anxiety than we on the ground feel. Our military chieftain coming back from Sassoun affirms that only 12 were killed, of whom four were agitators, four soldiers, a woman & child together with a priest. Christian reports are different naturally. No agitators were there some say, at that time. Wooden bedsteads being found in one house (a luxury not unusual for men there) it was prima facie evidence as to who had been harbored there & so flagellation finished the houseowner, & immolations went on till two, some say three or four villages were destroyed -the houses being burnt! But without one enters the province to act unrestirctedly in gathering information the past has shown how impossible it is to get at facts. Parties recently arrived from Moush region report usual quiet prevails in that town & on the plain. Two murders three days since in Toukh village near south-west shore of Van lake & only five hours from Bitlis. The culprit was a Kourd & quasi- guard of the village & he is trying to establish the fact that they were agitators was why he killed them, tho it is asserted that his village near by has a revenge to square because T. turned to another set of Ks for protection during the massacres of '95; only that Govt. police happened to arrive on the scene at that time it is thought the village would have been plundered & people killed. This took place within five hours of Bitlis city, while a few weeks since three chiefs of villages in Khizan, two days S.E. of us were killed in hopes of a little money apparently, on their way back from Bitlis where they had come for relief of their Prelacy; but Govt. doesn't succedd in punishing any of these outlaws.

But from what Mr. Coan of Persia writes us things are much worse along down the river from Sert to Mosul where he was. Upwards of 30 villages were plundered, some burned & others deserted-the poor people being left to look down from their hidings to see Ks harvesting their crops,-all because one Mustafa pasha-as called-a brigand chief I understand, rules supreme & inaugurates such doings as stagger belief & would fill volumes! Mr. C. had to delay his journey a whole week for prudent reasons till the outlaw had changed his base. Mr. C. pronounces regions from Van to Sert as prosperous in comparison.

Some of our emigrants referred to in the past came to grief before & at reaching the coast, while the Miss engaged to the New York-Asiatic has been sent back to Marseilles to try again, because of eye affection (presumably not of the heart yet!). She will try the Canadian more open mouth this time.

After confronting two parties of Ks from town trespassing upon our premises we settled into Camp life & have had a pleasant, rather quiet time for a month. Several weddings calling for our offices here bid fair to be supplemented by as many in Moush region that may necessitate our making a brief tour that way on breakin Camp, if not before. All in fair health, while work in town goes on as usual-two new rooms being added to our Boys' Sch. so we may accommodate some forty more orphans & pupils.

Cordially, etc. Watchman.

Bitlis, Aug 7/00

Rev. R. M. Cole

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Bittis Camp, Aug. 14/00

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Trying to hold Camp & going and coming much as I am for sake of City work I am not able to get round to as much letter-writing as I should like. But lest exaggerated reports get abroad concerning disturbances about I drop just this hasty note that can run from my pen faster than from the machine, at least let you hear we are all in usual health, and getting some good from this mt. quietude. The enclosed notes will give a clue to the situation in brief. Rather a fine harvest is coming into the floor from so many of the fields as could be sown the lack of seed has deprived many. With price of grain down nearly one half ~~in price~~ we have just taken up the unexpired ration tickets in town, the shall have to secretly help some widows & half orphans.

From the papers it would seem you may be en route for India as delegate not long hence unless, perchance, this plague there keeps you back. Was hoping you would give Cole a word of cheer as this associate these days.

Heartily yr. R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cole,
Bethel, Aug. 14 1900

Leo Bergholz,Esq.,
U.S.Consul, Erzroum, Kourdistan,

My dear Sir:-

I beg to explain,as well as confirm,my Tel.to you of the 15th for prudent reasons sent per other,reading'Tell Bergholz the govr.gave zabtiehs,I went to Moush for baptism,Communion & marriage services;that Govt. sent me back,hindering services;etc.

We having no native ordained evangelist in this field there had been special demand for my visit to M.& three near villages since several weddings,as well as church ordinances had been long delayed,chiefly from mixtures in Sassoun early in July & my presence in M.might cause sensitiveness of officials Our Vali & Van Russian consul had been that way for reputed inspection & returned sometime since. On consulting our Govr.Russiny Pasha the 10th inst. as to the need of my visit & its object he entered cordially into the arrangement & ordered all the zabtiehs I cared for.

I left this on the 12th inst,for their safety's sake accompanying our M. preacher & family half way-they having been here on a vacation;the last half I pushed ahead,reaching Derkovank village,an hour this side of M.at 4 P.M.of the 13th. The forenoon of the next day preparation was made & I married the woman brought on from M.by the M.preacher to our teacher,Mr.Ghazarian of the village,following which I went on with my zabtiehs to Mogounk village a half hour nearer M.to arrange for marriage of another teacher,one Kaprielian.Finding he had gone to town I followed on,expecting to call on the new Mutesarif I had not met & attend to preliminaries as to opening our Sbhs.after vacatio. On the outskirts of town I was met by what turned out to be two chief of police. Passing usual salutations they wheeled about their horses & said"boyrou" and took me to their headquarters near-by. On informing me he was "bash commissair"he began to ask after my papers"pouralty or passport"I said I often traveled without one within the vilayet where I am so well known as an old resident;said if he had been there only a year & did n't know me he had only to ask the Muftih or other leading townsmen & they would tell him who I was! I said it was clear the Govr.would not have given me zabtiehs if I had been an irregular personage & that these my zabtiehs were my papers in this case.

Driven from that subterfuge he & the other(2nd.commissair I afterwards was told & that his name was Mahmed,formerly an Armenian)went out for private consultation & on their return the second addressing me in good Armenian said it was no use I should have to return,since the order from headquarters was to that effect.But the Vali cheerfully approved my coming & gave the zabs. I objected', whereupon they again stepped out for consultation & this time returned to inform me that the Vali himself had ordered me back'. I offered my protest to such a ruling & asked to go to see the Mutesserrif to which the chief one said he was head of that department & I was to return".I plead that they at least allow me to attend to the wedding in Mogounk-sending any Armenian-spoken Zabtieh they chose & that they should ask my zabtiehs if I had said or done any harmful thing'. But it was all to no purpose. Deeming it wisest under the circumstances to yield to their decision rather than attempt forcible resistance I at once turned my horse towards Bitlis to see the Vali again as to what it all meant,resolved to communicate with you also. The Vali claimed a mistake had been made & that he had not ordered me back, only directed that I not move about on duty but remain quiet a few days",etc. "Give me the papers then so I return at once,if a mistake has been made""O rest a day or two"he said"but come in the morning & we will see." Calling early I found him about leaving with the new Inspector towards Moush,but he assured me he had directed his vakil as to my papers;on conferring with the latter later he too exhorted me to rest a day or two & admitted the order for my return was neither in his or the Vali's hands,as if an order from C.were called for.He might know in the morning.Further than this I shall not be able to report this post that must be given over this date,tho I may telegraph results.

Bitlis,Sept.16th.1900. Most respectfully yours. R.M.Cole.

Rev. R. M. Cotes, to
Leo Bergholtz, Esq.,
Bitles, Sept. 18, 1900

Dear Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, Sept. 18th/0.

With the retreat of old Sol southward, giving us longer, colder nights some of our number struck tents yesterday for town, so we may be nearer school & other work-there being all the more demand, since the college graduate does not yet materialize, tho Dr. Fuller of Aintab seems to feel it might be arranged only that it is next to impossible to get the proper offic there to certify to their diplomas, so we may have to wait still longer. Our three graduates that left for Cal. onebeing late dragoman of Eng. Consulate here are busy at tending melon-patches in Fresno, while the other has work in some small factory-presumably for fruit-packing, of which there are many. It is the busy time & most there have such work till the season is over. Oh, th these helpers had more Christian fortitude & spirit of self-sacrifice for their own people rather than fleeing to save their own skin. They usually plead timidity, condition of the country, etc. We now have a chronic case of a preacher in our large Khoultig village so near as to be almost a ward of town, but he thinks he can't stay on, but we have no work for him in town & protest that his present charge is the safest outside of Bitlis city; that we preachers & teachers should be an example to the poor people that are the ones to confront what we all as a rule are yet not brought into, as they admit. Such ones soon show their eyes are on more delectable regions outside.

An unusually good harvest, so far as fields could be sowed, is coming into hand, so that bread is down to 4ps the botman from ~~71/2~~seven & half; God grant at least a few square meals to the desperately poor & spare us to cogitate in line of missionary work proper rather than spend so much time at relief! Our schools are opening with fair promise, considering conditions.

The friends have had news of matters in Sassoun through the papers, most likely-the nearest to truth (tho below it) in Times & dated Aug. 18th & 19th. The Van Russian consul came here, was closited some two hours with our civil & military chieftains, following which he went towards the province & was fol- in a day or two by our governor, both ostensibly for investigation. The lat was back in time for the celebration of the Sultan's Accession to the thro which was observed with unusual pomp by day & fireworks in the evening. The Vali seems conscientious, but naturally we have had no words as to Sassoun. Disturbances there having taken place early in July it seemed I might apply to the Vali with whom we were on good terms, to see about going to Moush to attend to several weddings long delayed & to church ordinances. The Vali at once indorsed my going-never hinting any objection-offering all the zabtiehs I cared for & I left the 12th inst. arriving at Derkevank the next day After performing one marriage service in that village I was met by the police as I was going into Moush city, partly to arrange about another & for duties connected with opening of the Schs. there & missionary work proper, who indicated they were coming out in search for me & said I must return. A full story of the affair goes to the Stations of the Mission & I need n't repeat here further than say it did n't seem prudent to withstand said officials, but turned my horse towards Bitlis & made a forced march back when I came to see what the pasha could have meant by sending me cordially, as it were & yet ordering me back. As he & a new Inspector have just left for the province there may be doubt about my being allowed to go this week. Thus it is patience, discretion & level judgment are taxed often almost beyond endurance, but our courage & determination are fairly good as yet, tho we are in much need of prayers. All in fair health. Cordially, R.M.C. Watchman.

Rec. R. M. Corr. Sec.

Bittle, Sept. 18, 1900

Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Oct. 1st, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Just back from Moush last week, Mrs. Cole kindly wrote you to send with enclosures of mine giving glimpses how my tour had proved abortive from the M. Govt's ordering me right back home when I had before going into M. city performed but one of the several weddings & before the Sab. when we had given notice that Communion & baptism would take place at two places. The Vali appeared embarrassed at having me wonder at his having cordially indorsed my going, furnishing escort, etc. & then ordering me right back. At that he apparently did n't realize the objection His Majesty might have to the near presence of foreigners to where his special Inspector was to appear & had I known of such a contingent I should delayed still longer. On calling upon the Vali's vakil here for explanation he frankly states that neither is it in his power nor that of the Vali on his return to give the permit, but that it must come right from C. where he indicates is the obstructions, while he said to one of my acting dragomans 'that Mr. C. had better keep quiet if he did n't wish to fare like Mr. G. P. K. did'! But this, too, has gone on into the no small bundle of questions pending between this & our Govt. & such as seem to call for drastic measures, if indeed our Govt. feels miss'y "American interest" call for such, and if we are representatives of no mean country why lie low? We shall see what the Vali may say on his return of his assuring me his vakil would secure my permit. It will be ten days ere he arrives at least.

This should find you back from the Meeting of the Board: may you have had a glorious gathering, tho from the China terrible view it must have been sad. May such martyr work prove rich seed for the church & how bountiful the sad stories in that land as well as here for most thrilling rehearsals!

Yours of Aug. 8th came to hand in usual time & gave us good cheer naturally. Camp life with us Coles closed the 17th ult. tho the other ladies are still holding on with our faithful zabtieh in charge-they feeling to take the risk. Having sent away their Mt. Holyoke scholars it is vacation for them, tho our new school year, as in the Occident, began early in Sept. calling for our presence. As is often the case on exchange back to city air we have had some fevering-first I, partly, likely from my forced march to Moush & back, while now it is Mrs. C's & our Mamie's turn, tho not serious, so we hope to push vigorously on. But we have to admit that left so much alone to bear the work & responsibilities has no longer left us young ~~23h~~ 32 years being no short period of service. Recruits are coming on for Van, Hpt. & Mardin why not for Bitlis & Erzroum? H. actually seems getting more than it has asked for from what they write us, even to the point of a doctor, but no news for Bitlis. It is not in us to parade our weaknesses-physical or otherwise-before others, but the former will not down as time goes on. Our Elys, especially the elder, may collapse anytime, as was seen last year; but her sister would go with her, as they never separate while Miss K. has not the practicability to move on alone & needs such an associate as a lady teacher with medical training might be for a time at least. More trusted native helpers, too, are showing the white feather & so leaving us with still weightier duties. These & such as these are some of the casualities of the campaign, and they lead us to sound a note of warning now & then. No Heralds or Life & Lights reach us now for months. Down in the darkness in verity, so far as knowledge of the outside world goes in certain lines.

As ever yours, R. M. Cole.

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P.S. Dr. Dewey writes as tho you would like to have an opinion of each missionary as to prospective $10,000.00 for Girls' Sch. in Erzrum & whether a firman could likely be secured. I should doubt much if a firman could be had, - certainly not in R. village; I should think rooms at less expense might be added back of those now occupied, as there is considerable roof & outer room there, and those premises have been so long used for sch. & are connected with the missionary old residence held in Dr. Parmele's name, there could be no trouble; while to remove it to the upper & newer house would be in danger of trouble besides most of all if a wholly new building in separate place was attempted. The old Parmele house has various places where additions might be made for the sch. and really with such demands for money $10,000.00 seems to me hardly called for there, as I view the situation but the H. B. 'knows'. As they can do no building this year & if spring brings us an E. T. meeting it can then be discussed. I see by what Dr. Raynolds wrote you they are thinking of consular office for one of their number. I wrote him that these times especially in T. it would not work as not only our Gov't but most of all the Turk would oppose, as I learned in corresponding with our minister at Constple when we were being left under siege at Erzroum & not Eng. consul was at home. Now our Eng. Consul Berghold writes even stronger than I put it. He thinks it should be a consul & not a missionary as such as the T. would not admit the latter nor would Wash. push it

Rev. Dr. Cole

Our dear Friends:- Bitlis, Oct. 23d, 1900.

"All's quiet on the Potomac" so far as permit to journey Moush way again is concerned,-as if they would have us 'rest' longer! We had thought of applying for permission to tour in Akhlat & Boulanouk regions to the North, but the Gregorian Abbott tells me he is not yet granted leave to visit the former region; so I should doubtless be again refused for that way We shall see how it turns when our Vali, still hovering about the province, returns; he is said to have gone to Genj & is to swing round home via Boulanouk & Akhlat, tho his companion, special Inspector, has made a forced march back to Yildiz, whence he came, only passing a night in Erz. but seeing no one! Of course he was well chaperoned here & elsewhere so informants no reach him Why so much ado about nothing if nothing has take place, let well alone! Our militar chieftain admitted frankly loss of 16 persons, among them a priest, a woman & child-a holocaust affair, by the way, in a church; while other regimental wearers also present on that dire occasion, in a careless talk was heard berating infernal conduct as he saw it; also parties here in search of their sheep & cattle plundered at the time from one of those illfated villages, was at B. & stated under oath, even stronger than the above rehearsal,-all this & yet an official of the Northern Power, claiming also to have stood on same accursed spot was so hoodwinked (or otherwise!) that he could report only seven, all of whom were agitators-perhaps he makes out the child & woman to be of them! Very suspicious this & not at all satisfactory, it is clear. Latest news from the "province" now is that one Halil agha of rather a large village that gave its name to the whole province (Sassoun) has been killed & a few weeks ago his son,-all the work of sworn enemies of his within his own village, as, mirabile dictu, our Govt. at B. seems to admit-no other scapegoat being sought, as is usually the case in these regions. H. was the very man to work up this late affair, if not that of '94-"vengeance is mine", etc. When the consul & I passed the the village in our peregrinations of '95 we learned it harbored such revengeful enmity that certain could not pass over intohis next ward with safety-having their beat you see like street curs! Hitink, of some 40 houses, and one of the prettiest villages we rebuilt in '95, was burned & desolated last year only to be run upon again this during late affair, tho the peole fled to the bushes & rocks so many about & are now left with no cover for their heads as they face towards winter. Thanks for sympathy from outside but we fear we could do nothing to administer funds if we attempted it for the poor creatures, when such obstructions were interjected even for our ordinary tour Moush way. The Lord pity the people & land!

Pretty bountiful rains with thunder, beginning the 11th & continuing some four days,-a great blessing to the newly-sowed fields. Weather pleasant again. Roads unsafe to the northward especially, so that soldiers have to go out to escort their own wheat supply into town! Even peddlers are unblushingly advised by Govt. to not venture without police escort. Kourds are rampant. For years there has not been such a harvest if safe roads will insure its arrival in market. Still, what is the poor widow with no work nor five paras to do to feed her little children. "The pitcher is broken at the fountain".

Cordially yours, Watchman.

Rec'd Nov. 23, 1900

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Oct. 27/00.

Dr. E. E. Strong:-

I have not forgotten that you had an engraving made of st Muggerdich, probably you marked it, from a photo I passed you two ago: whether you will have used it or not we know not, for no Heralds e & Lights have reached us (probably suppressed) for some six months! I thought you might have an interest in following along this young man nce his further education at Etchmiadzin has gone to Persia where he ll working for his race, instead of fleeing the country & race altogeth- too many of our Prot. young men seem inclined to do these times. ay have told you at the time M. went through the terrible experiences Bitlis massacre in '95-~~ea~~barely escaping alive. Tho his wife former- our Mt. Holyoke Sch. for girls, had died he had in mind to hold on, per- aching still in one of our near villages. But as if it was a fault of t he had escaped alive he was pursued here & there with thought of ng him into "durance vile", perhaps to mean death, as in the case of an- Gregorian teacher in a village further away. They got at many of his ho he fled, as before stated. From occasional correspondence I have o influence this young man towards the light & I believe such ones ry useful within the old church, as they never can be so bigoted as are lergy generally. In one of his letters to our preacher at the same where he was teacher he speaks in touching terms of his late com- & her influence over him for good long as she lived; while he re- how dear her grave would ever be to him. Let us pray & labor for such as he who are still within the old church, trusting that they may help stitute a reforming element from within that shall tell mightily as years go by. I pass along these parts of his letters as signs of prog- in two languages, if you care to glance at them. Possibly I may enclose ing to Dr. Barton also for you to kindly pass him so near you, as it save us a nickle in postage when that dept. is so short.

With greetings from the East.

Sincerely Yours R. M. Cole

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Reverend P. R. Col.
Missionary of the Protestant Armenians
Bitlis

My Revd Brother

I am in receipt of your favour & have replied in its due time. I have explained you my high gratitudes & thanks for the perfection of your tender duties towards my parents, whom you have brought to you & remitted them the little sum I had sent you.

Trusting on your philantropice & high authority, I bold to beg you, that whenever be necessary, you may help me in transmitting money.

Please persuade my parents, not to move from their place to somewhere else. Let them fix their abode in safe & be assured, that as much as my material power permit, I shall helps them, through your faithful reverence.

I have asked you in my former letter; is it possible that hereafter I may

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Dear Dr. Strong:-

The previous page was written by one Muggerdich, whose picture, with priest's cap on, you had engraved. After his terrible experience in the Bitlis massacre of '95 he barely made his escape from the police to Russia where he studied in the Gregorian sch. or college of Etchmiadzin (he was a Gregorian teacher in one of our B. near village. He concluded to take the clerical office of his church but by regulation since his wife had already died, he could only become a vartabed (supposed preacher in early times) possibly to be ordained bishop later on.

You have his picture with a vartabed cap on, as you had it engraved from a photo I passed you. Whether you will have used it or not I know not, as for months we have no Heralds - they not being allowed to reach us ap

I write a little herewith concerning this lonage and send on these communications as how one of this race can grow & write in two la without going away from the race & country a many of our Prot. young men are fond of doi

Bitlis, Oct 26. 1900

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Nuggerdichis (Nov Vartabed) letter to Mr. Cole in Armenian.

Vienna July 31/00

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Սիրելի Քրիստոս!

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Rev. R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Oct. 30th/00.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Though I have already enclosed in Dr. Strong's my news Notes proper to be passed to you I will write a word with special reference to Miss Knapp, tho seems to me I wrote to you or Mr. Wiggin once at least as to it long since. It seems she has never been allowed the extra Lt. 12.00 voted her for living in Erz.-there having been more allowed on salary at that Station since our time.

We don't understand why it was not allowed, since the Mission at its Erz. meeting over two years since voted it. It may be the charge was not sent in to be rejected at Cons. tho think Mr. Ashdown did. I trust you and Mr Wiggin will cogitate over it enough to either see that it is granted or write Miss K. as to it anyway.

I have also written respecting a charge of Lt. 45.56 on old unsalable books-not only old, but not authorized by censor, as there was no such order of things in the olden time. Why must our Station carry that also when Mr. Ashdown got it under on so many uncalled-for other books he made it a business to order right up from Cons.!

Am not sure that the news of Halil agha's death & decapitation by Kourdish enimies as reported, was in my Notes of some days ago. A sort of after title to Halil's name was Beshara (glad tidings) of whose appropriateness or otherwise you can judge when we say that he it was who did most to set going all the troubles of '94 & who has come & gone till he prevailed upon our local Govt. to make another strike in that so illfated province this last July, as you have seen by the papers. His son was also killed by the Kourds a few weeks before his father. "Vengeance is mine I will repay saith the Lord". Two murders recently in villages near Moush by Ks. that pretended it was revenge that agitators had killed Halil. This much additional news. I have written Mr. H. M. Allen that you will like loan him Notes, if they are of use to him, since none this way dare act as reporters for his new paper.

Hastily, cordially,

R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Nov. 13th/00.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many thanks for your of 5th ult. at hand by a recent post. That illfated province west of us is still in an uncertain condition, as is the Moush region generally at the present time, chiefly from the foolhardy actions of agitators! Our Vali has been that way eversince the special inspector from Yildiz accompanied from here over there, and it is asserted the head of vilayet is to be set up there, which might be well. As nothing but the key to photo reached you I enclose the last copy here.

You were about leaving for Ann. Meeting, concerning which, as well as of the re-election of Pres. McKinley we hoped to hear something this post but didn't. Yes, if the $82,000 debt hung over the meeting, considering all the heavy losses in China both in workers & property, it was no small thing, as I hint to Erz. this post-they feeling it a little hard that the $10,000 is not forthcoming for their new Sch. building. We wait with no little interest the outcome of the meeting & feel sure the baptism of the Spirit must been there. About the time your letter referring to the 82,000 debt arrived my eye happened to fall upon an independent in which was report of the board's meet- at Worcester when there was over 80,000 debt resting on the Treas'y, and the disgraceful Noyes discussion was before it causing no little division, the whole to end by his being manly enough to come home from unfitness for all certain had forced him upon the Soc. Well, with union now & the country more prosperous we may hope for the best, for all the dark vision of the World.

From the enclosure you will divine the unrest among our employees in this vilayet is becoming more chronic, the Hot.. considering its demand is not much better off. On the question of Interstatural there is much

that might be said, tho I am inclined to think we shall largely give up the old idea though naturally B. will suffer more. Mr. H. H. Chambers took up a man in Em on about twice the salary he had in this field - all his salary paid by the missionary. Apt is more careful but with men too timid to stay here or too grasping for money naturally they like to "go next young man" by way of Apt. Em B. preacher, who said more than a year ago he should not hold on in this land if conditions didn't improve, expects to leave this in the early spring, and so I have written Mr. Browne (who has enquired as to him) that he will not stand in the way of one of their so many needy peoples inviting him; but how we are to get along I know not. The Nanshe preacher or pastor (whom you know) is about going to Em tho that people didn't consult their missionary as to it; and so there is only left us Krikore Stepanian, you also know, and he is apparently through correspondence fishing Apt way. He thinks he can grow in the large Khoutig village of near 400 houses, but wants a city. We shall see how it turns when this city pulpit is vacant, and whether the people will take to him & he to them. Excuse great haste.

All in usual health the teachers are and go to villages from fear of agitators. Sincerely Yours R. M. Cole

Dear Bro.Browne:- Bitlis,Oct.31st. 1900.

Yours of 28th ult.penned as you were mounting for a tour, and containing other items of interest as to matters with you at H., but ending with reference to late Bad.Hagop's son Mihran & preacher Shachig,at hand. Of course I have no time nor heart to answer such an insolent letter as the one enclosed that I hope you will give a careful reading & file away now,the later I may ask you to return it to him,if he may know his due to a superior. I know well his pen was given to terrible exaggeration,as his fellow-workers have also observed to me,but I hardly supposed he would fabricate so out of whole cloth-putting full quotation marks about it as if taken from my letter. I never told helpers they were hirelings. I did caution him against going into tanning mill business for the summer at Moush-referring him to the bad effect it had on his namesake now in Persia also in work at Moush then. I said that our superiors put similar rules on us-we were not to enter mercantile pursuits. If they must carry on mill business let one do that & the other attend to the work to which belonged his time. With the precedent of the older Mihran who has wrangles with the present ones fatherover the mill deal,I thought it prudent to refer to our Board's rule in the matter; said that we only put on our employees what was first of all put upon us by our superiors & that ours & their time belonged to the work-not to mention bad effects of our mercantile efforts on the people. Of course such as he think that too "arbitrary & unjust"just as he tells you respecting our International Society; and hence he accuses me of cutting his sally if not working as I directed. It suits his purpose also to talk about my "manifestations of fear" as if I favoritated them-thus trying to force their names to the front as he may felt they are hence as. They would be no less than the Ch.deacon I remarke of his new father-in-law in market,the one who succeeds him in Sch.work,tho as I can't answer his letter neither would I have referred made to my correspondence with our friends on such matters. Of course he will have employ your way just as others have before him for all he turned his back on a bona fide offer of work at 220 pa & to live in his own house & near their fields of no little income. He did n't like it because I was not ready to pay his bills to wander your way as if to round out his education independent of any conditions to our field.As I told him those for the ministry of Ind.Con.in E.C.A. He made no requests for testimonials to take along but it would seem supposed I should see that they were there,with thanks,before him,for all he was leaving that sally & as it turned was to be needed more from H.preacher now leaving. I trust I shall be forgiven for not sending on such papers punctuated with thanks. The jud speak as if every time you cut air to pec,taking up such non you still say you hope we shall allow his being employed. How could we stand in such a case,when both he & his numerous suitors are led to believe the whole matter rests on the Ellis Bedrally's dictum. You see how he scored us for writing anything as to him to Mr.T.(& which I hope he never saw the way.) What would it be if I were to put informal protest?Yes, he were rotten enough I think. To suite such ones purposes to cover up their schemes by making misleading suggestions. He talks in this,you see,how much less I have crossed out and writes our preacher to some good that he had no desire for work. For a time so much chatting had he to make with friends.Of course, you will not force him out of the country but allow him work,hoping for the best;but I am of the opinion if we ever have another Ind.Boat's we should give old Mr.Cornell a decent burial,as he has so lost the respect of most in the Station. I may not have said that the impudent letter was sent all upon to his father-in-law,was at the hands of other market peo.hanges teacher of our Sch.and as value of a large pupil reached me! The Lord lead! Cordially yours, F. . Cole.

Bitlis, Kourdistan, Nov. 26th, 1900.

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To Bergholz, Esq.,

U.S. Consul, Erzroum.

Dear Sir:-

Your kind communication of the 22nd inst., together with enclosure from Dr. Herrick, came to hand by yesterday's post.

We are glad to know whence obstructions are thought to have arisen calling for my enforced return from Moush, as if that were sufficient excuse for long delay in realizing results from a case known by all to have been referred to our civil superiors; Dr. H's that you kindly copied for us, makes it clearer than did Dr. Barnum's hints referring to the same matter recently.

But as a possible explanation of the situation it might be well to take a look backward. First of all note that aside from my being an associate of Mr. George (so called by people because his father was here alive then) whom I tried hard to free from his position, it so happened that I made my usual annual visit to Moush for missionary work during the almost six months that famous Sassoun Commission was in session at that city. As Mr. Shipley acted in capacity of our consul we consulted him as to the great difficulty we had in communicating with the outside world either by letter or telegraph; but he said, a member of the Commission it was reported to head quarters, His Majesty sent messenger to our Legation to ask after my business & right of presence at such a time, to which Minister Terrell gave good reply by saying "Why should he not come where he can communicate with me when he can't at Bitlis" Secondly, Mr. Shipley urged upon me, before I knew it had sent on my name the one to head the building of deserted Sassoun. That too was known. Thirdly, when I left for deportation of American missionaries was noticed at Diyarbekir, Erzroum & Trebizond. [illegible] Moush; but here [illegible] by special [illegible] will [illegible] ready to [illegible] place. [illegible] refused to tell just how long time we had. By seeing one will easily be realized that I could stay, throwing out not no [illegible] or quite as [illegible] that Mr. "George" must leave [illegible] I did not say more was not a general order but that I [illegible] cautious in giving [illegible] Mr. C's ha [illegible] whatever being made of right also.

[illegible] during Mr. George's sojourn with Lewis Pasha made out the whole obstruction to be at Constantinople for what people knew not tho [illegible] personally that never seen anything ill in me the ten years he knew me.

[illegible] following his return he substantiated what his vakil had said, but seemed desirous of mollifying the difficulty in part of apology,-that he should not recall me if he could know two days earlier what came to him after I was gone, the truth being he had refused my request to go, since I asked why he did not so or else I should not have gone. [illegible] I have to infer of Mr. George's letters, as indeed of the last Mr. who may [illegible] in the past once sent through others their displeasure at [illegible] no outspoken reasoning, truly was correct. But it is not Mr. Cole a- [illegible] by any means; [illegible] our Dr. Barnum had to travel with [illegible] al- [illegible] ey [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Kurdistan [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] Mr.

Rev. R. M. Coles.
Bitlis, Nov. 26, 1900

Bitlis, Kourdistan, Dec. 5th, 190[illegible].

ear Friends:-

Our delightful weather with no snow accompaniment but bright, unny days instead, still continues. Good old-time Thanksgiving found our wee ittle colony with only one dominie to head it, taking some notice of the day ho it was not till three days later we had the newspaper report that Pres. cKinley had proclaimed the 29th as the legitimate time for such observation ut as ours was in such a quiet, unobtrusive way with no flourish of trumpets e trust to have not incurred the displeasure of uncle Sam at least!

Tho we cannot boast of regular tourists from the outside world these times n this mountain town we had a call from Mardin in the person of Van Mrs. Dr. ssher's Arab colt who came into our yard for a How are you? in going thro' to-ards his new home. If we at Bitils may not have a doctor we occasionally end over to Dr. Ussher ailing orphans with chronic difficulties; two are ther ow. The expense for their going by boat is very light indeed & gives variety f we are not able to tour the outside field at present priests usually at-end to Prot. weddings as well as their own, tho our people learn fees are ecidedly heavier than at home. We have married two couples within a month ere in Bitils-one being of our Moush people who came here for his wife, and he other was from Shekhaghoub of Boulanouk & he took one of our earliest & ldest orphan girls. Tho they had an opportunity to meet & see each other's aces before deciding she refused to raise her eyes but said cheerfully "Yes" hen she learned that he was a devoted Christian & member of our church. Of ourse we are glad to see our older girls go into appropriate homes of their wn before the time comes when some of them may need be cast into the St. for ant of funds.—Our Govr. returned on the 15th ult. from his exploitations in he "province" seeming to have stood his jaunt well among the Mts. for one of uch unusual abdominal rotundity. He apparently did good service in restrict ve measures for lawless Kourds, as well as agitators, both of which are no riends of his, tho he seems consciously seeking to punish the guilty only. he former have recently been making raids from the "province" upon M. plain on lea of revenge of what the other party is doing, plundering here & there, as lso killing some few chief men. Meanwhile revolutionist so-called Christian all little behind in some instances from their vile course on their own race ne of them said to have taken the place of their chief captured months ago, ithin the "province" was shot by soldiers near a village four hours away & rought into town a few days since-a healthy lesson for their insane course!

In place of my not very dishonorable return from Moush with my own police he Armenian Abbott has just been carried by Govt. over to M. to answer to ome charge thought to be connected with mixtures in the province-tho our ovr. assures him his case, after the M. trial, shall come here for the appeal. ome of our late emigrants are stumbled at sectarian revelations in Fresno, nd thinks he shall wait a year before submitting his Bitlis Ch. letter for nion with a bona fide Presbyterian church, lest he be wandering from the fai itlis is very glad for the good news, first learned per our Avedaper, as to res. McKinley's re-election, and we feel any change would have been bad for ur country at this particular time. Cordially to all, R.M.C. Watchman.

Rev. R. M. Coles

Bills, ~~Jany~~ Dec 5, 1900

Confidential. I trust you will see what I have written Mr. Higgins on 6 return of application. He).

Bitlis, via Cons/ple, Dec. 11th, 1900.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

You have learned in the past as to hindrances in my ouring movements, concerning which there has been no further devel-pment. Two days ago I paid my respects officially to our Vali & the ilitary chieftain, both of whom were most cordial. There is no fault f theirs in the matter & we know not yet what new reason obtained at he Capital.

We are all in usual health & quiet here, tho roads & village life s something fearful. Within twenty four hours three villages within s many hours of us have had visitations from Kourds for sheeplifting other plunder, while murders here & there are almost too common to rrest attention! Partly in view of such conditions, I take it, the Bi-le Soc. through it Agent Mr. Bowen at C. is insuring its colporteur for hese parts in a New York Co. that has an Agent now at the Capital.

All the information we yet have as to the St. Louis Meeting has been at came in the Boston Herald some one kindly sent us. We wonder if .L. paper printed fuller reports than that.

You will have an interest in knowing that a lady from Denmark, who is lping in support of some of our orphans, speaks as tho they had in nd to send out a lady to help at their expense, but somehow our sin-e ladies, especially Miss K. who says she fought such for Erz. while e was there, seem keenly opposed to such as they were the Richardsons ey wrote as tho they might send a nurse & I thought perhaps if we vored it a physician who could do for our Circle & pupils all that uld be called for, as I have suggested to you in the past but again ey balk, as in the past. The Lord direct in all these matters!

Hastily, cordially. R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cooke,

Bitlis, Dec. 11, 1900

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Bitlis, January 8th,1901.

Our dear Friends:-

Well,interstational circulars of E.T.have become rather semi-occasional for any of us,while for most those interesting papers don't materialize at all,tho at a time circular letters seemed imminent. After another month passed at this center since issue of our last circular Watchman ventures out in one leaflet more,if,perchance,better interest be kept up.

Our schools in town are running more successfully & harmoniously than last year,while several in the outstations are progressing fairly well thus far. For all the good offices of our new Sch.censor in signing some of the papers nothing is O.K.yet because the B.chief incumbent signs not,tho Porte order pushed him in that direction; he now takes refuge by referring to Yildiz. Ramazan has been carried forward in usual course-the Rouse-up(drumming)Comte. making the nights plenty hideous for such as would court Nature's sweet restorer-balmy sleep. Good vigilance is maintained in town to keep the peace. Mild weather still continues with no snow to interfere with horseback rides; the clouds just at present are threatening snowfall.Open winter gives cheaper market in most respects,which molifies somewhat condition of the poor. Life in the villages has become wellnigh intolerable from various causes most of all the Ks always watching their opportunity.Only the other night one Prot.young man in a near village was shot after a dozen aims taken into the darkness towards where the voice came from as the culprit stood upon the roof. Not able to force the door he went & called from the roof that he was there for murder not burglary.Having no known enemies they plead amid the darkness but in vain! No arrest are made because the villagers dare not divulge who the rascal was.

Our B.Abbott is back in his place here. He was not in durance vile at Moush long tho the one there was hustled off most summarily for his examination at Cons When ours was under scrutiny at court there one question put was whether he had much to do with Mr.C.-passing him information,etc.,which had for a reply "No,I write my superior,but as for Mr.C.he is more loyal to your Govt.than I!" which seemed a very satisfactory remark for those officials to listen to. By the way,speaking again of Mr.C's enforced return from Moush & its outcome let friends note this from our U.S.Consul at Erzroum."Dec.14th I heard from the Legation that the Porte charges you with circulating around the province of Bitils & encouraging the spirit of insubordination existing; and that your attitude is not becoming your calling".The Consul adds that the Legation attaches no importance to a charge so vague as probably not to be heard of more As matter of fact never have we toured so little as the past two years,while there has been more than usual demand for visitation to Schs.& people. I may say here that even my having so much charge of this Consulate as to pay its exp has had something to do with suspicion,as now seems pretty evident,tho we are most careful never to appear with their cavass,or act officially at all.

Xmas & New-Years passed pleasantly,the former celebrated at the Knapp-Ely house,while the other was one of those days that come round,fortunately,only once a year,when we are engaged from morning till evening in public reception so we had little respite-there being more Gregorian callers this year than last for all the bit of ban turned on us,the Abbott being among the number.

The Week of Prayer is starting in well with good attendance at early meetings during which new voices are heard,sometimes from our orphans. We had hoped to have one more school at least in M.villages but agitators have taken such hold in the vicinity that several of the place have been'run in'so the Sch.question has to remain for the present.

Cordially to all interested parties,

R.M.C.Watchman.

ndon this mishaps with my paper

Bitlis, via Cons/ple, January 12th, 1901.

ev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

As my one-letter weight is about com lete I side onto this leaflet of as heavy paper as will carry, chiefly to re ort health of our circle & safety of matters generally about. The Notes will ive most of the news while I thought to pass through your hands copy of tha ent St. Louis, which if it does nothing else will show how we try to fill our ot & place in reporting as well as doing the work so far as we can.

I would thank you for yuors of Nov. 30th & 14th ult. both bring copies of ur Appropriations for Genl. & W.B. work for the year 1901. So far as I see hat for Woman's Dept. stands the same as we sent it on.

You have cut ours for Genl. work somewhat. We have returned about as much s that this year in virtue of leaving of helpers & the impossibility of inding any suitalbe ones who would venture to villages for work these times ur B. preacher, Khachig Vartanian whom you may remember from Hpt. association, s about entering upon securing ex-patriation papers in accordance with plans e was manly enough to apprise us of long time ago. With such conditions it s not strange not a few lose heart. Perceiving he was to fall out of the ork of the land altogether we allowed Hpt. to extend him a call from Palu, ut his acceptance seems doubtful. His late Bro. who went before the Queen fter the Sassoun affair & being from that province, raised more than a hun- ed Liras (probably given more in genl. sense but reaching him mostly) set him o so he can go & he wishes to have his family in better conditions. Another f our yearly helpers that I have not been able to visit since our return rom America, nor from conditions could I correspond with him much, has shown he white feather he may call it, but I put it mean as well; for after drawing o months Sal'y on us for winter prepartation off he runs over into the Er

field, taking along some other money as well, not paying for or making any provision for his daughter's expenses in The Ely school besides leaving a Lira debt, - all this & did n't send a word of information till we heard of it and wrote our rebuke. We have heard that he had been trying to get some one intercede with Mr. Stapleton to take him into work in Khanous, but I think Mr. S. too sound a missionary to so violate Mission policy of comity; besides such trick of this sort should be punished. He answers my letter of rebuke, not confessing any fault on his part but claims the people were stingy, etc.

But we have much hope for some of our orphans especially, a few of whom might have been light helpers this winter under supervision of more experience if other conditions would help, but as it is most of the older helpers, partly from idity & partly from hope of more gain "go West" or pass into some other l

I see you express hope that a doctor with large practice here might perhaps carry much of the B. work. I wish experience in other Stations might confirm this; but if you were to ask Dr. H. N. Barnum he would tell you what wrote me at the time, that Dr. Ussher found no time to take up other work at H. and it would seem from Dr. R's letters that he still has the burden of accounts, relief & orphanage reports, etc. for all they have no outstations to carry as have we at B. But I must not weary you on a subject you feel as keenly as do we & doubtless are making as honest effort as may be to find the right man. If the ladies only felt just as do we Coles a lady physician or even well trained nurse on from Europe with no expense to our Board might fill the fill for B. so near to the two doctors at Van - so near as to be on & the same Station field at one time you know. It is a wonder to most natives that V. should have two doctors & B. not one. If the lady doctor were forthcoming then the wideawake young missionary family could be sent at once. 14th. Week of Prayer has passed with much apparent interest & we hope for permanent fruit among pupils of our Schs. especially, as many boys, mostly orphans, have taken part in the meetings. Am I presuming on your time to send copy of St. Louis letter intended for our son Frederick W. Cole, LL.B., 120 W 57th St. N.Y. City per your hand, in case you should care to glance at it & pass along

With cordial greetings from us all, R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Kourdistan, February 16, 1901.

Our dear Friends:-

Just as we were closing our last on the 8th ult. an oldtime snowstorm began & continued more or less regularly till we aggregated 65 inches-42 of which fell inside of three days. But weather has been so mild most of the time since, with supplement of a little rain, that mountains facing the South are more than half bare, while paths in town have more mud than snow. Coldest yet 6 degrees plus,-greatest delay or interval between European posts has been 19 days only! Most of the time more regular than usual.

Fairly quiet as Vali protests against punishing innocents with guilty. A few leading agitators shot now & then near villages not so likely to result in general plunder & loss of life as in the past. Pretty reliable report has it a wellarmed agitator was accosted by four Kourds in a mountain pass not far from Prot. Havadorik village but all were shot by said personage with only the result that a few from the above village have been put under arrest. Kourds are rather the disquieting element from inter-tribal feuds about now. Zurnag, a small Kd. village just over our border & in Erzroum vilayet was badly plundered & seven killed (six of them brothers from one house) some days ago for seeming to favor the enemy, tho per se it was of neither tribe.

From the call of a high official we learned of the death of the noble Queen on the 23d ult. though Erzroum consul's telegram ordering flag at half-mast did not arrive till the next day. It has come to light through a Govt. official that the Porte will persist in calling me "acting vice-consul", & so informs our friendly Vali who paid me a visit the 31st, ostensibly in honor of the Queen, tho he said he was coming anyway, as if yielding the official look of it, for I had protested to his cavass sent before that I was not official but would gladly receive him myself as an American clergyman tho I was only paymaster in passing on expenses for the consulate. His friendship appeared most profuse-"Had no complaints from me but had from his religonists." But the vakil idea has been another subterfuge to warp their look at me obv'y

Certain prominent merchants of town thought to speculate by running into town to distribute on the people a kind of altlik coin current only in Allep vilayet, & there partly depreciated of late, are penitents in prison with prospect of freedom only when they redeem all such coins found in circulation for the next three months & why should the people be left to suffer a loss!

We have our "Philip Leicester" among our orphans brought on from Moush. Kidnaped by the Kourds during the massacre at Diar., in passing the night at a near village an Armenian taking pity on the wellfavored infant of some three years stole him from them, brought him to Moush where a childless woman paid a dollar for the fair little unknown & took him as hers. The poor fostermother died after some three years when this unknowing & unknown fell into our hands. We plan instituting a search for him (perhaps sending his photo) to see whether the parents were killed or whether another mother is seeking her boy!

So glad if the long talked-of steamer for Van lake is actually to materialize, as Dr. Ussher, per letter, seems to feel; and it ought, perhaps quicken our pulse for E.T. Anl. Meeting, if "We may jump in, brothers dear, And all take a ride across the bar!" -This is not only the Valentine month, but one of birthday significance, not only for Washington, Lincoln, etc. but for certain at this and the other end of the Lake, but imitating somewhat our sisters, may we not feel a little modest about telling our age, if thereby we seem somewhat younger!

All in about usual health, while we crave a similar blessing for colaborers.

Very sincerely yours, R.M.C. Watchman.

Bitlis, Kourdistan, Feb.20th'01

Rev.L.C.Lee,D.D.,

Prest.Marash Theol.Sem'y,

Dear Bro.Lee:- Your kind Circular of no date but whose envelope seemed to bear Aintab postmark with date not legible, came to hand this post,and was read with avidity.—It seems to our little Missionary band,as also to our-~~pm~~ preacher,teachers,etc.with whom we have talked that the position you have taken,in nature of experiment,as you hint,with reference to candidates for Theology from Gregorians,must be the correct one,only we should hardly favor putting them so far on a par with our own proper as to go out & solicit funds for their support, but let them & their church under whose espionage they are & for which they are being educated attend to that themselves,as is the case in the lower grade of their education. With this proviso & usual testimonials as to character & desire to labor for their people,it seems to us we should gladly welcome them, and count it good missionary work for you to take them through your own text books & under such special spiritual influence.

We can hardly see by what logic or consistency we should covet & educate so largely Gregorian pupils in all departments of our schools from Primary up but draw the line at Theology where education so largely centers in Bible study, Church history, spiritual meditation,etc. From our nearing 23 years experience in the land we are of opinion that any tool we shall be supplying them to use against us will be more than offset by the light & influence for good they will take along to that needy fold,while course of carpers arising here may have the effect to send them back to us with not a few followers.

We are counted 'children of the light' & claim that our religion & Bible ~~inquiry~~ challenge inquiry with no thought of concealed secrets & what have we to fear? Our schools in U.S.have open doors to all & shall we here set up parochial schools,as it were? There Theol.Sem.aim to fit candidates per se, but here may we not go beyond that & also through them during the time as well as later do missionary work that shall tell in double ratio on the very church & people we are here to labor for. If we may not preach much among that body is not the next best thing to fit up & send others over to them something as our American churches have done in sending us to this people?

This much for a glimpse hastily made up from perusal of your Circular to send you by return so that you may credit us for promptness if nothing more.

Wee bit of colony that we are we would greet you of the South,praying for God's blessing upon your work; and that home & foreign workers may see eye to what is the will of heaven in the above question.

On part of Station, R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, February 23d 1901

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am not sure that you have had anything from our way for the past weeks-at least you have not from the Coles.

Friends from nearer outside regions write about 'disquieting rumors' from these regions that leads me to fear inasmuch as you are so far away what will it all read like by the time it reaches your horizon! We are sorry to say there seems too much ground in facts for rumors from Moush way more especially, as the inclosure of Watchman gives a hint which has not only been substantiated pretty well since then but amplified also. Villages & the regions of the first event in '94 have quite too many insane agitators-some of them said to be from abroad-the Northern country, tho I am not sure this is true. I am trying to use my influence to have the Erz. Eng. Consul send one of the three vice-consuls under his charge to Moush temporarily; for being established first of all that way-in M. city-there should no opposition to it now if for the time the flag floating here were transferred to that place where said official's presence would have a repressive influence, most likely, as we saw to be true when an affair started out briskly in M. just while a former consul & I happened to be walking within his yard at the time.

But so far as our Bitlis regions go we are rather more quiet & apparently secure the past two months, tho Dr. Dewey writes us as tho the roads were very unsafe towards the coast to the Southward. Watchman gives most of the news. If alarming rumors should get abroad you can always find best of information thro. our lawyer son, Fredrick W. Cole, LL.B., 120 West 57th St. New York city, to whom we write every week, as also to our other children farther away in U.S. All in usual health. Weather springlike. Hastily yours, R M. Cole

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P. S. We are of the opinion that American letters addressed only via Constpl would make better times for our regions than open mail via London this latter applying more for letters that need to stop off in European Turkey, at least so Mr. Baird thought when he was here. With only via Constpl they strike for that place by quicker & through mail-bag, while others might delay. Through train, you know, is the quick one. G.

Bitlis, Feb. 23, 1901

Bitlis, Turkey, March 22nd, 1901.

Dear Friends:-

This year the Armenian Carnival was more like the old-time pre lude to Lent-the long so stagnant(since the massacre) marriage machine being in pretty full play! The passing & repassing Armenian bridal trains at dead of night had much of their pristine din & confusion as if liquor had some part in it. Turkish Bairam being about this time four of their daylight weddings(minus drink)while during that night Armenians turned off their live in our part of town-a fairly full programme for one 24 hours. The Evangelicals had two later one mid day & the other at 8 & half in evening-9 being our limit for time. Adding to the weird look of one night came "Derundress"we have never seen so observed elsewhere in this land; such brandishing of torches, waving of various luminaries, etc. as if huge monster were turning fiery eyeballs on us from every quarter-even Turks here & in near villages sometimes joining the affair

Matters Moush way still at high pressure & fear expressed by parties from that region as to what any day may witness from the insane course of agitators, the pitiless oppression in taxation send new recruits into the mountains Our A. teacher for girls(some months since married to one of our male teachers, Kaprielian by name)has again been in prison some two weeks-that old suit on the tapis when I was in America having been opened up again, possibly a game to get more money, since it was used so freely in the first instance by the preacher in charge at the time; well ox to fifty liras is a big sum to be paid to free a girl from few verses found on a search among papers of her pupils who had copied them from some old Armenian newspaper & which all appeared convinced her pen never composed, but for money everything is easy. We had referred her case to Erz. consul & he to Cons/ple in hopes of fairly satisfactory & speedy outcome, but again power of money has been put to the test for this reason, it may be contended, she was acquitted on the 16th inst. During her over four months imprisonment before one of her fellow prisoners became such an admirer of her & her faith that she has sent her daughter to the school here & pays all the bills, while she begs the teacher to teach her

Our new Director of schools seems to be an enthusiast in more ways than one. Besides introducing needle & other fancy work he is starting up rugmaking, at hands of one Mihran & wife & other woman he ordered on from Sivas. A few of our girls-mostly orphans-are to learn the trade on tuition basis. This official seems desirous of making no distinction in race or religion-giving all a chance at the trade. He pays one of our Prot. girls formerly in Ely Sch 100 pias. a month to teach fancy work. He starts out by paying most of the salary of the Turk they urge upon us to accept to teach that language to our boys. Through his kindness hitherto we are getting our schools legalized-some already having been recognized by Govt. which will help village work not a little

Providence still favors us in health as a Circle & schools, the one of our male teachers had a somewhat serious run of pleudonia, but is all right now. At such times especially our new rooms built with funds we got up from Eng. for the purpose, are a godsend, especially the one used for Infirmary often. An early spring seems promised. Mamie & I had our first horseback ride the 16th inst. & on same day had our first greens on the table, while first plowing was seen on the 20th. In my call on Vali yesterday he gave evidence that he should need to ask Cons/ple before authorizing me to tour this field, tho so far as words go surely we are fast friends!

Cordially to one & all, Sincerely yours, Hatchman.

Bitlis, March, 22/01

Corbin, Ky.
March 22, 1901

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Gilis, Kourdistan, April 16th, 1901.

Dear Friends:-

We yet have no'setback'in our spring weather-sowing & planting being far advanced-spring wheat already up an inch in our city suburbs,while fruit trees in full blossom beginning the 28th ult.give hope of good yield. Upon the whole the season is fully a month ahead of ordinary years,tho with less snowfall some prophesy lack in water; albeit we have had rather plentiful & warm April rainpours that ought to count for something one would think 'Chimney'swallows have been flitting about with usual cheery twitter since the 7th inst.,tho'barn'ones-the Yankee's signal for cornplanting in New Eng- does not yet appear,for all many other birds of passage are in evidence. We saw in our ride on the 11th the first butterfly, and the heat of the sun is unusual for the season,tho no marked unhealthiness appears among the people.

In our last we reported the release of Moush girls'Sch.teacher,but recently it has come to light that through strong representations via Erz.Consulate & the Legation at Cons/ple a somewhat gushing pardon came from Yildiz,even her financial condition being asked after,as if some reparation were in the air, tho'underground'hints seem to indicate she had better be removed from that place,if not from the employ! Naturally her young husband,Kaprielian,(who probably felt his handling of nearly 22 Liras in the deal freed her)would be loth to leave the family large,valuable house in Mogounk village near & his fields in the region to go elsewhere even in our field,while to do so openly at once would be tantamount to admitting her guilt,as also was the look of such free use of money,which fact I tried to impress upon him in cautions that he seems to have acted upon in reverse ratio-possibly his predecessor's example there having had a bad influence on him. However it be it is now pointed chief of court,who had his ten red pieces,may be in danger of such discipline as will cost him his position.The Lord lead in all these matters!

No particular change in civil lines in M.regions,tho with Kourds so rampant Govt.has its hands about full enough-it taking time,however,for a bout frequently in such extortinary taxgatherings legal & otherwise so disheartening to Xns.now & then that they betake themselves to the"province" One on the plain & of means had been so reduced in possessions,while incarceration was on his heels,that in utter desperation he distributed what stock & wheat he had left to the more needy of his village,enjoining upon them to take care of his lonely wife,while he & his two grownup,unmarried sons betake themselves to the mountains-he terming it their wedding occasion!

Naturally Govt.deliberates whether they shall locate police stations in the"province"or insist on the Sassounlis coming down to the plain,while their homes be occupied by the wilder Kourds. It would remain to see whether the end thereof would be any gain,with Xs so uncontrollable these later times.

Native Easter passed off with usual interest in special service that ended off with Holy communion in which four were admitted on profession,while others had been pushed off till next time-some of them being orphans. Oh for an outpouring of the Spirit so that all might feel"to live is gain"& that to die might find all ready from living a life of self-sacrifice for God & poor so needy humanity in spiritual as well as other lines!

Cordially yours, Watchman,R.M.C.

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 16th, 1901.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

Your copy of Circular on Uniformity in preparation of Estimates & under date of 22nd ult. is at hand this post & shall have attention. It becomes so evident this year,too,for our Mission,is to see no Meeting we must set about drawing up our Estimates to send on to you & Stated clerk. I have already sent our general Report,but beg to refer you to last year's Tab.view; for this year it has been even more difficult to communicate with our few outstations so far as to get regular statistics,perhaps with list of names. Without making any such demand on our helpers only a few sort of minute men then dared to venture out & with some trepidations at that. I write our clerk,Dr.Dewey,that he better use last year's-being careful not to add thereto! Charity will suffer long & be kind toward us in such regions.

While reading through the Van voluminous reports we were not a little surprised at Dr.Ussher's cool assumption that you might be after sending even a third doctor to the eastern end of this lake,for all the great depletion of forces in most of the other Stations-Hpt.also being in danger of falling into the count from what we hear. If our Board aims to turn over its funds to set up hospitals-heal the body,whil Christian Edn.& Evangelistic go hobbling as best they can,what could we say!but this is not our belief. We are confident you are doing what you can for B.also,and if the man be fit for Van Bitlis cries Take me!unless you contemplate,under stress for funds, as well as for chronic conditions here,letting this go back to be an adjunct of the Van Station,as in the past. We shall hope for frankness in all these matters,as against pleadings of our children & friends we are holding on under heavy odds. All in about usual health.

Sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, via Cons/ple, Apr. 23, 1901.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

We wonder whether this will be in time to at least say "bon voyage" ere you pass along to our Southward-looking upon the Arabic coast. We hope you may not find yourself in quarantine down that way as we see from a case or two of cholera in Alexandria foru days are on, as the Levant Herald has it. The old, old story for this land South.

Though we would not tax you at the Rooms in too frequent letters, yet you must never feel that they are of little use unless something special is up. If we at Bitlis were to enter the Confessional we might think that of our letters that in place of encouraging facts respecting the work proper have to dwell so much of the "via dolorosa" of blood & thunder, from conditions. These things I am saying as looking to your good letter of 27th ult. just at hand. As loyal representatives of the Board & churches we count it duty to keep you fairly well informed of the back-ground to the picture as well as the front of more attractive objects that first arrest the eye naturally.

You ask about the prospective steamer, nearer approach of Van were there to be one, etc. If one of proper power is set running it should bring us to within a day at least, including five hours land from the coast to Bitlis. In view of this & the fact of there being two physicians at V. we Coles have not felt so urgent for another here, unless we could have the live missionary as well. The fact is if the people are going to keep on fleeing from these three yes, four vilayets in this way, and in the stress for funds in America, it may become a question of conscience as to whether there should not be doubling up among some of these fields. Natives owe something to themselves as well as the Board & missionaries-more especially if we co-operate more with the old church people. We have two of their young men as teachers here in Bitlis

As we have written Van, of course B. would protest their having the 3d Dr. at that end of the lake, while we have none. I doubt much whether Dr. Grace would be able to take in money very rapidly here, one of the most penurious places I was ever in, and I suspect Dr. Raynold, who has practiced here, would say the same. Still I will write Dr. Ussher as to him per your suggestion. I should say Hot. was in greater need of another missionary than doctor, for they have good native ones there & the Circle not so large as sometimes in the past & fewer children, while Dr. Thom is able to cover them fairly well in case of emergency, just as Van does Bitlis. These are my frank expressions. As for Mr. Thomson & others, if the rule is as in our time the place-work is to call for the man rather than he decide his field. If this be not somewhat followed not a few of these field would stand a poor chance, seems to me.

The enclosed will explain itself. As I am under siege Dr. Raynolds telegraphs us that he is kindly to be here in four days to take Miss M. Ely over to have Dr. Ussher treat her eyes. Most sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

Bocas, Apr. 15, 1901

Dear Dr. Darton,

We wonder what time this will be in
time to at least say "bon voyage" as you pass along by our southward-looking
coast the Atlantic coast. We hope you may not find your overall in charming new
ways as we see from a page or two of photos in Alexandria four days ago
or, as the Savant Kipling has it. The old, old story for this land South.

Though we would not tax you at the Bocas in the frequent letters, yet you
must have your fair share of little gas-bags something special is so.
If we at times were to answer the Commissioner we might thinks lots of our
letters are in place of absorbing facts regarding the work. Perhaps
to them as much of the "vin-de-Bordeaux" close & thunder-from criticisms.
These things I am saying as looking to your good letter of 27th ult. just at hand.
As loyal representatives of the Board & obedience we count it duty to
keep you fairly well informed of the back-ground to the pictures as well as
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among some of those lines. Native own something to themselves as well
as the Board & missionaries-more so, possibly if we co-operate more with the
old venerable people. As have two of their young men as teachers here in Bocas.

As we have written Van, of course, I would present this letter being the 31st
at that end of the line, while we have more I doubt much whether Dr. Dance
would be able to take in money very readily here, one of the most wonderful
places I was ever in, and I suspect Dr. Reynold, who has specialized over, would
say the same. Still I will write Dr. Dance as to his own voice suggestion.
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to wait for the man rather than to double his field. If this be not the case
I believe that a lot of those fields would stand a poor chance, seems to me.
The decision will be plain itself. As I am under above Dr. Reynold telegram
I feel that he is kindly to be here, in four days to take Mrs. Kelly over to have
Dr. Dance treat her eyes. Most sincerely yours,

W. Kelly

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 18th, 1901.

R.M.Peet, Esq.,
Treas. American Board Missions in Turkey.

My dear Sir:-

So far as we gather from letters written business with Govt. & our U.S. Legation at Cons/ple should be referred to you; if I am right in this conclusion there is a propriety in my calling your attention, as I did last Nov. that of Drs. Barnum & Merrick, to the question of the rights & privileges of the Bitlis missionary to travel anywhere in the vilayet or this country.

Though you were about arriving from your prolonged absence in America you must be informed as to my enforced return from Moush last Sept. at hands of Gvt. but should you be lacking in information it has been fully written up to the above gentlemen & to our friends at the Legation at hands of U.S. Con. Erzrum. Whether these last felt it needful or not the above friends advised leaving the question in abeyance through the winter till spring roads are all open long since and there is special demand for our visiting our so neglected out stations, some of which we have not seen for years tho they have no ordained clergyman to solemnize weddings, attend to ch. ordinances, etc. This as sort of resume of what has been given for fuller statement of the matter, as above hinted.

After the lapse of so much time & serious neglect of the outside work I deemed it appropriate to call upon his Excellency, the Vali, as to what would be his pleasure respecting my touring the villages. "When & where do you wish to go" he asked. I said "some days hence I think of going to Akhlat & Boulanik" "Wait ten days & we will see" he answered, from which we inferred he was under necessity of referring it to your city. After more than twice the time he suggested I went again yesterday, not so much to push the question of the villages as going to take certain of our ladies to Van to see the doctor & give them a bit of change, as well as vacation now we are to have no B.T. meeting-leaving the question of visiting the villages till my return from Van. "There could be no question he was sure as to the trip to V. for medical purposes; he would telegraph at once to Cons/ple & hoped for favorable reply in some three days; but for village work & touring the old order of last Sept. was still in force-not having been rescinded. He would write telling how my work in the villages as clergyman & inspector of our schools had been neglected so long & see what reply might be given to that as a separate question." He again assured me, and of this I am convinced, that the obstruction is at C. and that its promptings in all such cases comes from Russia that is jealous of Protestant movements in the northern part of the land; to which I said "but why is this vilayet so different from the Van, Erz. & Harpout ones in these respects! to which he said "We have near us the Sassoun province that is regarded as in rebellion-there being nothing for a government in their midst, tho we are aiming to have police stations set up there as in other regions of the vilayet. This, in brief, is the tenor of the friendly, sort of confidential conversation we had, tho as to whether I should write or Tel. you he suggested "Officially say the Vali gave no order for visiting the villages, while he was non-committal as to Van."

Now we beg to put in our protest against further such restrictions in our legitimate work that we (at C. Cons'ple) entered this land to do, and trust such influence may be brought to bear there as will remove all obstructions.

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Yours respectfully, R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Apr. 18, 1901

P. S. Apr. 23/01 Since writing the other face of this leaflet I have again called on the vali to see what would be his final reply as to my taking the ladies over to Van chiefly for medical purposes. "I can give no permit to you" he said; and this was the way he wished us to put it, though his order he admitted had come from the Prime Minister (Sadrazam) "I give no order", he did ask me to write the order came from Consple but that he himself refused the order but gave no reason for it.

In my opinion it was a mistake to leave over the question of my enforced return from Mousle in Sept. till spring, and I hinted as much in writing Consple. Having succeeded in getting out my former associate as they did & now slandering me with no rebuff but instead indifferent delay what is to be expected! We owe it to our Consul at Erzrum and Legation at Consple to say, however, that they were quite ready to push it at the time as a question of American rights; that our Treaty relations claimed the right of American subjects to journey anywhere within the dominion without hindrance, &c.

I said to the vali 'this seems to imply that I am under siege' to which he made no direct reply. So much for the situation whose end we know not as yet. C.

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, May 6th, 1901.

My dear Mr.H.H.Allen:-

Yours of 9th ult.at hand by yesterday's post & I hasten to say that as a Station we at Bitlis feel it would be well for Erzroum to take into serious consideration the desirability of your being at once appointed to that Station, should the Prudential Committee find themselves able to so decide. Certainly E.is in great need of re-inforcement,as well as Bitlis; and your apparent leaning in that direction,as well as experience in the language enabling you to grapple with the work at once are very important considerations in the matter.

I am sorry to say that we Coles have only met Miss Lord of the circle there,but we were favorably impressed with Mr.S's brother whom we became acquainted with at Oberlin,O.where he was studying. Of course we know well the E.people,so far as the older portion of them is concerned. Naturally we would not influence you either way respecting them,but must admit what the Mission knows too well,that previous to Mr.S's arrival at lead rather too free use of money was had there,and the people not urged sufficiently into giving for the Lord's work as per their ability. So far as appears to outsiders,Mr.S.in such matters is nearer to E.P.policy,which has not,however,made it any easier for him to please certain ones ready to refer back to the previous régime. Still with you also posted as to E.P.policy from life at Harpout as well as Van,to help on the brother in the right direction,greater success would be natural from increase in the workers.This would be all the more assured if the workers presented a united front before the people,which seems not always to have appeared there recent years.

Of course E.station should be the prime mover in this but assuming she will favor it & to save time we here indicate our affirmative but with the proviso that Erz.be unanimous in such a move. Trusting these hasty observations will suffice for the present & with expectation that we shall have the pleasure of writing you our welcome back to E.P.ere long; and with cordial greetings from Mrs.C.& myself to you & yours I must hasten to get this off by this post.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Cole

to Dr. Dewey and H. M. Allen
Bittis, May 7, 1901.

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, May 7th, 1901. 260.

Rev. W.C.Dewey, D.D.,

Stated Clerk of E.T.Mission,

JUN 3 1901

Dear Bro.Dewey:-

It would seem from copy of a letter Dr.Barton wrote you under date of 8th ult., at hand this post, correspondence is going on as to re-appointment of the H.M.Allens to our E.T.-Erzroum being especially in mind. It is a pity in such vital questions we cannot be together as a Mission in regular Anl.meeting so as to discuss it under"Supply of the field". But conditions not permitting such for this year at least, the next will be to treat it at the point of the pen as best we can-embarrassing as it is & leaving considerable responsibility on you to sum up the various arguments & quasi votes when they are in to report to B.

The enclosed copy of what we are sending Mr.Allen may not be out of place as a pointer on the matter. We know little of the Allens at first hand but less of the Erzroum Circle they would join. Like the rest of us he is not perfect,but the important thing Dr.B.hints at,viz.more perseverance in what he takes up,while some might add a little more caution in use of the Board's funds with not overyielding to natives too desirous of small contributions. But in these latter things Mr.Stapleton is stanch enough,it would seem,and if it be as our Miss Knapp thinks(who had a good chance to observe Mr.A.the year she was in Van)there would be hope that he would follow not a little Mr.Stapleton as the experienced one of the station,it should be fairly assured. In any case we at Bitlis feel if Erz.is uranimous in requesting the Prud.Comee.to assign the As to them we are glad to second the motion & hence may be considered as casting an affirmative vote. We did think of drawing up an intersess.vote,as others may do to save time & since its nature would be sicular; still with the various stations'remarks'before you it will not be for you to draw such conclusions as will satisfy Boston, we judge.

By the way,hinting above at importance of consultation in a meeting on this question leads me to broach here a figment of Cole's brain,which seems to strike our little Colony pleasantly,viz;Why not let B.,Erz.& Van constitute what might be Van Lake Mission,or E.T.Mission Minor,since these three so center about the regions & might get together at expense of their touring allowances for the road exp.while the stations in turn could carry"feeding". In this way we fewer,weaker folk could keep up the semblance of organization and so be nearer ready to cogitate on such as the above question,while Not.& Marsh,S.W.of Mason & Dixon's line almost so far as travel this way goes,together with heavy exp.to bring together extremes of Mission,seem amply able to manage for themselves,if it were best for us to set up thus for a time. But more of this"anon",perhaps,as I only brought it out here in view of the pressure on the Allen-Erz.question. Further than this I need not speak at present & a copy of this goes to Dr.Barton most likely.

Hastily, cordially yours,

F. M. Cole

to Dr. Barton with H. M. Allen

Bitlis, Kourdistan, May 21st,'901

ir Friends:-

If our friends at the South have been crying water!water!be-
use of empty well & scanty fountains surely our old Taurus mountains'clou
th such bountious & continuous downpour may be in danger of making them
ow cry out Enough!tho for two days now we again get sight at the sun.Hardly
ever have we had such continuous thunder showers,one following the other &
how much such mixture in weather has had to do with the eclipses,both lunar
& solar ~~let~~within one & the same month let the wise rise & explain. Certain
it is ourfriends had a hard wet time especially in their return from Van-
they arriving on the 17th,or sixteen days from time of leaving Bitilis.Most
know as to the plans of Paterfamilias to take the party over himself instead
f subjecting kind Dr.Raynolds to the inconvenience of coming over for the
out so completely was he squelched for want of order to travel that he did
not get out even a day's journey to meet them on their return.God knows all.
lost trivial excuses or subterfuges are invented as if to weave the meshes
about him. Now he travels among the villages(never has done so so little as
the past two years)encouraging the spirit of insubordination already among
the people;'now he by the wave of the hand,as it were turns over provinces
to his faith,whereupon he is asked to receive none but Prot.pupils to Schs.
Even a petty employee of the municipality essays to catechise the children
respecting their faith.Please,other Stations,is such a thing in vogue?

We have before spoken of our enterprising Inspector of Schs,that he was in
troducing rugmaking as an industrial in one of their schools & with no ap-
parent distinction of race or religion. Recently his jealous predecessor to
blacken the concern telegraphed to Cons/ple direct that not only was he put-
ting Christian girls ahead but even when one of them was so impious as to
take their holy book under her feet. Of course our Govr.was prompt in suita-
ble investigation to end in finding there was nothing of the kind,while the
jealous one abides his time of requital-our Vali being on the alert for all
such disturbing affairs in hopes of securing usual peace all about.

Rampage of Kourds still more or less continuous both at the North & South.
Wisely our Govt.has sent a force of 80 cavalry with two mountain guns toward
the latter region where thousands of Kourds & Arabs are said to be lookin
one another in the face with what is more serious,all because the former kid
naped an Arab girl recently,as is reported in these regions. Oh,for peace!

We enjoyed much Dr.Raynolds'brief visit with us & were most grateful for his
promp coming over as escort for our party under Govt.limitation for Mr.C.We
are glad also to know there is good prospect that Dr.Ussher may give B.a mo.
in August for medical work & to pronounce on the health of Bitlis U.SUColony
If every other station is to boast of its doctor or doctors then B.must either
keep well,or our near neighbors at least must come to help us out in emerg
We are all in usual health & Dr.Raynolds'wellput words on how matters here
looked to him,and what he felt should be done about it should have more than
a passing interest. It may not be difficult to prophesy what the future like
ly will bring to the light,as in the past,if decisive & prompt action is not
had by those whose business it is. Cordially yours, Watchman.

Rec'd of Mr. Cole
Butler, May 21 1900

BUILDING

How much is needed for new buildings? 500 Liras, plus 50 for Moush.

How many new church buildings are needed and cost?

School Buildings? Hospitals?

Missionary Houses? Probably one. Other buildings?

LITERATURE

How much is needed for Christian literature?

Periodical?

General?

How many new readers could thus be reached and others helped?

MISSIONARIES

How many new missionaries are needed at once to satisfactorily superintend and direct the work of your station? one & a doctor.

Families? two.

Single men?

Single women? one.

Additional salary needed for these? three.

STATIONS

Within the limits of your station should a new station be opened for the best interests of the work? one secondary one at Moush city

How much money would be needed for this at once?

How many new people would such a new station reach?

MISCELLANEOUS

How much is needed additional for medical work?

How many people would be helped by this enlargement?

How much is needed to establish new industrial plants or better equip old ones? 100 Liras for Sustentation Scheme for preachers support. x

How many people would be directly benefited by this enlargement?

Any other immediate need in your station which ought to be met now?

And at what cost?

x See over

X. Sustentation Scheme. Under Miscel. I have inserted 100 liras as help t
free our Soc. from ever carrying almost the full support of preachers &
ers in these parts reduced to the last extremity of poverty, and my plan
would be this. Poor villagers are forced to loan money-usually of Kourd
to pay taxes & keep the wolf from the door. But as time goes on they ca
repay & so they are rapidly being turned from their fields to live if a
in these parts largely as serfs, if not in worse state. Now if we had no
large amount of money in hand to carefully invest on safe titlein a few
these so cheap fields at the chief centers in our outstations, it could be
charge of the helper there located to be plowed & sowed in a "bee" on part
his people if too poor to give else could at least give a few days of la
and again in the fall have a harvest bee as well-the helper not holding
self above irrigating & otherwise caring fot it during the interim. This
would in part be like the arrangement in the old church whose priests ha
no salary. As long as the land remains under conditions of recent years
can be no hope of much self support in these the most unfortunate regio
without some such arrangement, which I have cogitated over a good deal &
it may be taken into careful consideration at your end of the line. One
two of our peoples have gotten hold of a field in that way earlier, but
out help from outside it cannot be realized more. R.M.C.

Business men might contribute on this 100 liras & obtain requisite
when they would not give so enthusiastically
this regulation could; let it be considered as an
fund or Field Fund to enable this people through under
the hoe, as it were, to help more in carrying their
own institutions. C.

Our new Estimates for 1902 will be less rather than more, as helpers from an are leaving more or less from uncertain conditions in the land.

Bittle Yuke

In order to make it possible to secure this larger giving, we feel that it is important that we should have in our possession the latest facts, so that at the proper time, we may be able to use them with the force that comes from such definite data.

With this purpose in mind, will you kindly advise us as soon as it is possible for you to do so, how much money is needed in your mission station to suppert the work which is not now adequately supported by the regular appropriations of the Committee and to open new lines of work which ought to be taken up. We ask, therefore, your answer to the following questions as definitely as it is possible for you to give them. Of course it is understood that your replies can only be an estimate.

In the large stations where more than one family lives, it is expected that the answers will be given only after full discussion and consideration. Please mark in the margins by the numerals, 1-2-3- etc., the degree of importance among the things in your estimate.

NATIVE HELPERS

How much additional money is needed for the support of pastors, preachers, evangelists, Bible readers and catechists? Candidates wanting & conditions against us for these recent years.

For many persons would this provide?

To how many more congregations and people than now would the Gospel thus be preached?

EDUCATION

How much additional is needed for the support of schools?

How many new schools would this open?

How many new teachers would be employed?

How many additional children would thus be given a Christian education?

Forwarded at Mr Coles's request for Dr Barton's files — W. C. Dewey —

Bitlis, June 4th, 1901

Dear Mr Knapp:-

Your note of 21st ult. accompanying copy of yours to your mother at hand this day.-no it was on the 3d it arrived here. Think I have before written that the knitting machine was ready for first safe caravan going Diar-way, as none go via Moush & Palu for sometime yet. I passed on yours to Khachmanougian at once. I wrote you last week some of Miss Wheeler's observations on the tool purchase matter that we hope may quiet down sometime properly.

We are always interested in the reading of yours to your mother & find many things within them, as for instance this time your strange mixture of apology for Hpt. having a doctor before Bitlis that is not united, some preferring a lady physician, is why she is thus left. We know not whence you got such an impression as that since our disagreement is only in degree of importance between the two-presuming we should not be allowed two males, and we Coles feel we should begin with the live missionary-leaving the physician question to come in as secondary, partly as Van-so near & to be more if the steamboat matter materializes-kindly pledges to help us in medical lines, leaving the question I say till we see whether the Board can give us later the medical man. We Coles even have never talked fullfledged lady physician, fully realizing that one such in the person of Miss Dr. Eddy of Syria is quite yet for the. All we had in mind in the lady physician matter was that possibly a missionary (with medical wife like Mr. Stapleton) might be found & who could in sort of private way carry health of our Circle, Schs. & orphanages as do I to large extent-getting medicines needed, if they have them, at the palidieh, not on prescription to go on file of course. Dr. R. when here talked in similar lines to the above to our ladies even & Dr. U. in keeping with it is to be with us for the month of August. Of course we shall be glad of the Bitlis doctor if they can give him

& have plenty of money so as not to cut gospel & educational work. As a family & still having a child with us one would suppose we ought to be as much in need of a doctor as reputed healthy lady teachers. So far as appeared when it was being talked over it was your sister that bore down more on the first-the-doctor matter. We have yet to see the full practioner in medicine who has amounted to much in the work at large, for a man cannot cover everything.

We are glad to see Hot. has got there just the same on the physician question-no Mission vote notwithstanding! Some of us outsiders might wonder why the seemed more pressing demand for the doctor now than in the past when there was a large Missionary force with many children, large student body with poorer & fewer native doctors probably than now, while the orphans spoken of by some as an argument for the doctor is naturally only a temporary one. [illegible] to have hospitals everywhere so they can support themselves. As seems to be the drift of Dr. Hasser's movements in Van & thinking of having still a third doctor at that point, then our Board is not to be taken & hardly need our Mission be asked as has done Hot. the Vote asking our approval of Dr. B's going to Mn. at his own exp. has reached us? seems almost so near to personal as hardly to call for Mission action one would think or Miss M. Ely should be starting round hers for her ten days visit to Van with our Mamie as her invited traveling companion. Perhaps she will draw up her Vote. But really would not such nicety of distinction call for E.T. approval of the doctor location, especially considering that H. could let such as Dr. U. drop thro. so easily when its conditions were about as now. Some one at H. spoke as tho your location even was subject to future Mission action, for all you were coming there. For brevity I only wired 11. Liras, tho you would pay 19 Prs. more as per draft. Here is another of three for Karahadian boy. As ever,

R. M. Cole

& have plenty of money so as not to cut gospel & educational work. As a family & still having a child with us one would suppose, we

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Forwarded at Mr. Cole's request for Dr Barton's files — W.C. Dewey —

June 4th, 1901, Bitlis.

Dear Dr.Raynolds:-

Many thanks for your nearly two full pages to "Dear Bitlis Friends" dated 21st ult.: and 27th as dated & to self & Miss Mary. I had not written in the letter that I supposed Khachig might pass yo with his own hands that he, too, was not allowed to pass the Rubicon to meet you at Vanig, tho I knew it not at time of giving him the letter. Glad you managed to get so much good to your work in visiting helpers on route, pleasure & change, from B's unavoidable demand upon you.

We are glad you look so favoraply upon the Upper E.T., or "Lake Van E." "idea, and you will be interested in knowing that Dr. Dewey writes on this post his approval of such a scheme, pointing that perhaps Hot.o connected with W.T. while Mardin be gobbled up by E.T. and perhaps re-arrangements with Mosul again, which I do not see should follow unless C.T. annexed Mosul. If W.T. would also set up [illegible] strong as its eastern adjunct count Sivas, [illegible] together as their Eastern W.T., while Cons/pl. [illegible] by themselves it might be better; tho likely Cons/pl. [illegible] the Marsovan strong Ed. Institution & hardly should since Bat would have its one for the new organization; while Marsovan being so near the coast where is considerable work among the Greeks that are represented at Marsovan, and since C. is more a coast line Station reaching on as as Trebizond it should remain a part of the C. center debrived of Bulg.

Certain it is that in this land under late conditions & with no special financial allowance as formerly to come together from distant points fo Ad. meeting cogitation we have need to "sit up nearer" so as to a few o us at least get our heads together for combined wisdom & hearts close for prayer & mutual sympathy, which may be done without calling for an more expense & salaried officials. The Ts have seemed to admit a similar principle in snailing up as well as increasing number of vilayets in late years. But more of this "anon" as says aunt Samantha Allen! We should make Van the [illegible] Institutional line, as with [illegible] there would be more [illegible] workers available for [illegible] while emi[illegible] [illegible] in B.

(R.M.G.)

Bitlie, June 4, 1901

Recd Aug. 13

Bitlis, Kourdistan, July 2nd, 1901.

Our dear Friends:-

The day we(don't)celebrate is upon us, and yet the weather is not very warm thus far Zour highest mercury only having been 78 above. The Cole contingent of our Colony purposes joiningthe lady associates at camp where they(some of them)have been two weeks, now in a few days, though last year we did not go till two weeks after this time but winter left earlierthis

We have had during the past four weeks an unexpected,unannounced but pleasant sojourn in the Consluate here of a week by Mr.Satow,Van Eng.Vice-Consul. Though it was his first visit in the place he seemed to be better pleased with it than are many-he intimating that if an official were to be sent here he might be the one & that he was quite willing. He seems a pleasant man. He left this for Moush under an annoyingly large escort & was properly watched of course. On the same day our Governor left for the same regions where he lingered much longer. Had not the latter arrived about the time he did it is thought a serious affair would have taken place there also owing to the disappearance & probable murder of a prominent Kourd; whether agitators did it or not they have laid themselves open for most such charges. Our energetic Vali held on there till rather recently when matters seemed more quiet when he is said to have pushed on to Genj to return here via Boulanik & Akhlat. In all prudence he is making the effort to set up police force in Sassoun as in other villages of the vilayet,as he told me before leaving he had in mind, but within three days we have heard here that opposition has arisen in the illfated province on the score that soldiers'barracks are being built to be much harm to the inhabitants who attempt resistance. As if confirming these reports quite a large part of our B.soldiery have been suddenly called that way causing some apprehension among the people-more especially as now both the civil & military pashas are in those regions,unless the former has of late passed on to resume his journey preparatory to a return to his post hereinB. One of the villages on the plain had its Kourdish guard,as most have of late, that was attacked for plunder by Kourds only too ready for revenge at the assumed guilt in the above affair; said guard challenged their approach by a random fire which to their dismay entered one K's mouth to leave a window in the back of the head,whereupon brisk firing laid out 3 or 4 more Ks,as said! Ks in our nearer regions are carrying off stock,demanding money,etc.

Friends will be glad to know that the embargo on Cole for these more than nine months seems to have been easily cleared away when once vigorously taken up at Cons/ple,so that submitting new Minister's strong Tel.to me in Turkish today the reply was"Yes,Mr.C.may travel,we will give teskereh & escort." We have hope of seeing Dr.Ussher & Co.(latter should include Mrs.R.at least) during the next three weeks if not before. Sufficient information of his anticipated visit has gone abroad so that he will be likely to have many callers professionally but how remunerative it will be remains to be seen in a place not famous for its money appreciations in such lines. We hope for the best in that direction also,tho,thank God!there seems no marked sickness among the people-the old standby of chills & fever being the chief.

All in usual health & pursuing the even tenor of our course. Cordially would we send our greetings along the line,

Sincerely yours, Watchman.

Bitlis, July 2, 1901

Filed Aug. 7

Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple, July 9th, 1901.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

It seems quite like old times to have another letter from you, though we know it must be hard for you to carry the duties of Dr. Barton as well as that of your own during his absence in India. I do not know that I need trouble you with various copies of what I send Dr. B. who seems to have an interest in such as show the trend of things I do not find time to write about separately, as I have done to him in the past on my personal case with Govt. owing to my enforced return from Moush over nine months ago, to which you refer in yours as if coming anew to your notice per what Dr. Raynolds had written. You will be interested, however, in knowing that embargo on my traveling is just off & apparently easily as soon as our possibly over timid friends at Cons. were ready to push it sufficiently with our Minister Mr. Leishman. I at once seized the opportunity to visit our large village Khoultig over this mountain to spend the Sab. for sake of administering Communion & baptism, as also marrying a couple - I returning yesterday to our Camp 3 miles from town & 600 feet higher upon the Mt. side where we Coles too have been now for five days, tho the teachers came earlier with police.

Yes, we have noticed with no little interest the large reinforcement, both ministerial & medical that is coming to Hpt. & naturally say Why not Bitlis? We are glad to know that Dr. Ussher, apparently with Mrs. Dr. R. coming for a change, may be expected here next week for nearly a month's sojourn which will help out at least in medical lines. This is in keeping with what Dr. R. talked when here in May & of Dr. U's ideas, - viz. help out B. in that line so we

Bitlis, July 2, 1901

be freer to push for a missionary Simon pure to help to carry the general work instead of a man to be throttled in seeking to heal the bodies of men in a city noted for its parsimony in matters generally, even to giving money for medicines & medical treatment, as doctors coming here always complain.

The enclosed of last week & under pseudonym of Watchman will give a hint of the situation in Moush regions where most of our B. soldiery has already gone, while other has come from the South also to go there it is said. Both of our chieftains, civil & military, are in those regions-the former for more than a month. He is working hard to have peace maintained so far as appears so we trust no general mishap may take place there for all the foolhardy course of mad A. agitators ever on the alert to keep some disturbance going. When we were in that province we could restrain that simple-minded people, but with a very few from outside to set them on we know not where they will land, since it is reported they are actually protesting, if not by open demonstration, as the Ts. say, to prevent the latter from building barracks with the idea of keeping away outsiders by resident soldiery or police force in hopes of bringing the region into some governmental relation which it has really never known I judge under Osmanli rule.

We are in much need of a college graduate for our Boys' High Sch. & Dr. Fuller is doing what he can for us but writes the boys fear to come so near to Sassoun & think Bitlis so far away as compaired with shimmering America! Some of our orphans even tho taken in four years ago so ignorant as to hardknow their right hand from their left now call for higher course of study.

In hopefulness & with greetings from our Colony that reports fair health

Sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

Med mag. 1.

Bitlis Camp, Turkey, August 6/01.

Our dear Friends:-

Though far from being on the seacoast & the route of foreign tourists we occasionally see outsiders. On the 11th ult. a German "Pastor" Seher of the Missionary Soc. of that land for help to Turkey at a dashing rate and pushed on Southward via Diarbekir, Ourfa & Aintab at post rate also, Albeit he expects to make up a book of his travels & acts the editor he said of a Christian En. Soc. paper at home in Germany. His Eng. tongue is quite limited. After only a day & two nights with us he pushed on for Diar. that he reached on the third day-decidedly better time than the post would make. He paid for it however, by having to drop a horse here for soreback & buy another, while we hear others of his horses were in similar state at Ourfa, as might be expected.

Our Van friends arrived on the 20th ult. for a three weeks sojourn at our camp where they, like the most of us, are "dwellers in tents". After the rest of Saty (during which we presented him to the Vali's representative) & Sab. he started in for medical practice & surgery which from advertising that had by his request preceded him, has pressed him pretty hard, tho this his last week when he sees the poor as free patients naturally there is a greater rush. He has taken in from paying patients-about two hundred in number-nearly a hundred Liras-3,000 pias. coming from a Kourdish lord (Torr) of Boulanik regions from whose little son of 13 years he removed a stone in four minutes-causing many a "mashallah" to be uttered by their fellow men that saw him into town like a king, while four times as many turned back from the outskirts for prudent reasons. This the only son petted to death has behaved so well that the father expects back the extra twenty Liras deposit given as a pledge of giving no trouble. If some of the surgical operations seem to us almost miraculous imagine what must be the impression on natives, especially Kourds, who have never seen or heard of such wonderful things! One poor man shouldered his boy of 7 years and came from Moush plain village three hours distant & with the price of an ox-a Lira-to have his child operated on for a stone & rejoices in the success. His success in getting hold of money here is beyond our expectations, we confess, and we were judging by experiences of other doctors that have been here in the past tho they did not enter surgery which impresses natives greatly.

We are very sorry to say that burglars managed to get into the girls part of our German branch of orphanage & made off with some twenty Liras worth of Sunday clothing & some bedding not in use at the time. The girls were sleeping on the roof & did not learn of it till this much had been taken. Five fellows have been imprisoned six days when they were let out on bail, as no decided testimony for these courts has yet been secured-their wellknown bad character in the ward, as well as circumstantial evidence not counting great in court here.

Our Vali pasha is back from Moush at last & in our visit reported all satisfactory in those regions, albeit more than two scores have been killed in various villages the past two months-5 of them agitators, a bad element there.

In a past issue Watchman spoke of our Armenian Philip Lecester in the person of a boy of some three years kidnaped from Diar. during the massacre there. Tho the father there so anxious to believe it was his own boy could not recognize him from the photo we sent, but once the boy was there four scars & signs were recalled by the father & other relatives that should be found on the child. After all these specifications the child was brought into the presence of the company gathered at Pastor Hagop's (in charge of orphans there) to see if the father was to be disappointed after so long delay in the arrival. To his & the relatives' delight each mark was at once found on the boy & when it was settled beyond doubt this was the dear boy they had mourned for these six years, the scenes of the meeting & tears of joy that the lost was found, the supposed dead now alive & in their hands was such as "pen connot describe" writes the pastor this post. His father sends such expressions of deep gratitude, added to that of the dear little boys of ours of course doubly dear to his own father that we find our own handkerchiefs come into requisition at this joy of that family. Would that many another of these unfortunate little might also find their own home nests instead of having to live even in large companies as they do. Cordially to all, Watchman.

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Bitlis, Aug. 6, 1901
Rec'd Oct 3

Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple, August 27, 1901.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D.,

Dear Dr Smith:-

I fear we are not over punctual in writing you, as a circle, partly feeling you have quite enough to read in what comes from your own charge proper, aside from that of Dr. Barton's beside but you will look for something now & then from these quarters of uncertainty

You will be surprised to learn that the order removing embargo on my traveling, concerning which I must have written you last time, has been countermanded, as the Govr. informed me soon after his return from Moush way when I went to ask for papers & escort to visit Aghagh village to attend to baptism and Holy Communion. Of course I have set to telegraphing Cons/ple as to it-addressing both our U.S. Minister, Mr. Leishman & Mr. Peet to learn its meaning. In my interview with his Excellency he was as usual most profuse in compliments & assurances, as he often does even in my presence at times-asserting that he was surity that I was not only a father to orphans & the poor but a friend as well & faithful to this Govt. But appealing to me he said "What can I do? what would you do if in my place but to follow the last order in which in your case is that you are not to travel but for what reason I know not." He claims to be in utter ignorance of the reason for this fluctuation in permit to travel & recall of the same to suit their whims; but he is of the opinion that previous to his coming here (some two years ago) something (what he knows not) was written Cons/ple against me, but by whom he knows not, and that hence present obstructions. But to my mind all foreigners are considered especially objectionable in this vilayet where most of all extermination of Xns of influence is the policy being carried out & pushed on by the northern neighbor, as, indeed, the remark of our chief here to me seemed to imply as looking to Protestantism especially. 'This is not far from the border & opposed as R. is' he hinted, 'we have to conciliate her on it as a strong power just as do the other powers in other things seek to get along with her.'

Sad news, partly at hands of Diar-Hpt. Eng. consul passing this way via Van & Erz. towards native land & by othe eyewitnesses, as to matters Moush way. Our Prot. ch. written as Sch. in Govt. papers & in my name & parsonage belonging to late Pastor Hagop, each costing not much short of a hundred dollars have been burned, as also Gregorian old ch. edifice & some 30 chief houses of the place! 60, or most of the men of the place & 24 being Ps were in prison of M. city & many also from other places of the plain! 275 crowded into six rooms so that terrible typhoid has broken out & three have died from Mogounk of burnt chapel Even the quarantine doctor protested against such vile quarters for prisoners We feel the chapel called Sch. should be built at once & trust you friends will authorize our using a modest sum for the purpose from balance in hand as if to purchase property here in Bitlis for Mission premises, believing the M. center should be kept up & our people of Mogounk & regions encouraged to rise & build again. This much dashed off in haste to send by consul to be posted from Van in prudence. Please answer at once as to rebuilding at M.

(over)

Bitlis, Aug. 6, 1901

P.S. I am happy to report that a recent tel. from Pres. Luther of Aintab reports he is getting off a college graduate for our boys high sch. for which we are very glad. Pray for us. There is so much fear in M. region especially few helpers & they not the better educated & refined dare hold on or go there to reside. Since the preacher there was mobbed to resign pulpit against our will & independent of our missionaries, we have gotten along with not even a full graduate of our high sch. here for M. city, but now the family house (Mogonuk parsonage referred to on other page) is burnt & no little danger to him, as he thinks he wishes to get away and we thought to send over another of our preachers, but he still lingers about going & may fool us, while the permit comes & am sort of under siege. Probably the ladies may have written that Dr. Ussher felt Miss Knapp needed a change & took her along with them to Van but I may not be allowed to go to meet her when she wishes to return! The Lord grant proper arrangement in all these matters! In furtherance we can't say over much to go from this P.O. so send this via Van. So far as appears Vali pasha & we are on good terms. Hastily yr. R.M.C.

Please let Van know if this reaches you

Bitlis, Turkey via Cons/ple, Sept.9th.1901.

Rev.Judson Smith, D.D..

Dear Dr.Smith:-

Miss Mary Ely read to us from your letter of recent date, and which arrived with yesterday's post; by that we we had the good news of reinforcement for Bitlis-at least we count it for B. for all you said he was appointed to E.T..without referring to B.as though he was open to being sent elsewhere later. But as all the other Stations are fitted up with their one or two(!)doctors(Mrs.Stapleton being the one for E) we take it you could have had no doubt as to his location tho you thus wrote. We are very grateful to God. you & the Prud.Com.for this good fortune for B. and for the prospect that they may be here before winter. We trust,however, similar effort will be put forth for securing the missionary that now comes second,so that this Gospel & education work in the outside field,as well as here in town may be secured,unless,perchance,Dr.Underwood is so alive in that direction & will justify us in covering as long as we can his identity as a doctor till he & his,have the language & be so far advanced in the missionary work proper that we shall say "it is enough,we can get along without the third man in the stress of our Board for men & means." For such a result we are to wait on the future revelation, since as a rule doctors are likely to fall under the Oriental proverb which reads"It is impossible to hold two melons in one hand." Dr.Ussher was so run upon here, & so are doctors usually on the land,that they have little time or strength for outside work much as they may long for it: it was so with poor Dr.Raynold & so he dropped Medn.

In our enthusiasm at the news you sent that was at hand yesterday & also came to us at hands of Stated clerk dated 26th ult.arrived this day,we at once found,if not a thousand questions at least many being hinted at among us. Like is the man a Rev.same as Dr.Ussher; & as you spoke of Mrs.U.we wondered if they had been married sometime & he had had experience in Med.practice the same as Dr.U.of Van; but Dr.Dewey's speaks of his fiancée,which looks as tho they were fresh out from the schools & with no experience thus far. It may not be amiss to say here in nature of confidential that Dr.Thom puts ~~a~~ on a foot note on Dr.Dewey's referred to above"Let Mardin have him"(Dr.Un.) and I will come & help you." It may have been only a passing remark with no serious intention of permanency,or if his Station would accept it we might as a Station take it into serious consideration,certainly if the new man is not a Rev.,since Dr.T.has enough of the Turkish for a working language. Our only thought at present is to prepare him a warm welcome to B.tho just what provision we shall make for him a house & whether to lay in winter stores we may try to do by him as we feel we should wish him to do by us if matters were reversed-lay in some supplies for them for the winter,tho he may conclude to not set up house-keeping till Easter,the usual time to rent houses here. Perhaps you can overhaul him with this word of welcome. Sincerely, R.M.Cole

Please let us know if we can do anything for him.

I take the liberty of enclosing-not knowing his address.

P.S. I am sorry to say that the embargo on my movements in the field is on again, as you will see by notes - if I am able to get them off this post. Co.

Recd Oct 7

Bitlis, Turkey-in-Asia, Sept. 10/01.

Our dear Friends:-

As looking to our missionary work proper we are happy to say that in our pastoral office we have been able to attend to marriages, Ch. ordinances here in B. city and at the large village of Khoultig just over the mountains only two hours away-we deciding to enter upon the latter before the temporary order was out, since it was not far enough to call for the escort of zabtieh. As it turned, however, the permit arrived so I might have claimed the escort if felt needful. But alas that it was so short, as later a counter order came to our chief official from head quarters, as he frankly said to me He feels the embarrassment of the situation, and said in the presence of other officials 'he was quite ready to be responsible for C. that he was father to the poor & orphans, as also friend of his Govt.' He was frank to suggest my telegraphing my superiors at Cons/ple, as I did in some such form as he hinted. But we are sorry to believe that vigorous as Minister Leishman has been in it from his Tel. of 95 words at hand some days since he has not yet seen it out in a way to satisfy, so he about the same as advises that I push ahead on strength of my American passport & he will bear me out as well as hold the T. Govt. wholly responsible for results. In a way it sounded well but some of us thought if only our new Minister knew as do we matters there might be a question as to wisdom of such procedure, for all we may follow as he directed when his promised letter of instructions, we were to wait for, is at hand.

After seeing our Van friends off the 13th ult. at close of the three weeks visit they were able to give us we had not long to wait & the Diarbekir late vice-consul arrived via Moush where careful surveillance kept him from harm or others from much approach, as might be expected. He seems to have learned, however, of serious matters that way, how some 30 houses of chief men of the 60 houses in Mogounk village (Xn. houses, but are a few Moslems also) had been fired & among them our Prot. chapel known as Sch. with Govt. but in Mr. Cole's name it was held in the deed, the Gregorian church & Prot. parsonage-Kaprielian house. Again our Vali has wisely betaken himself thither where soldiers are collecting, apparently determined to restrain agitators few & Kourds many! so we have good hope no general disaster will take place. The Russian consul of Van has also just passed at our North, it is believed, for those regions. It must must have struck our Vali as important to go or he would not have started up just at the close of the Coronation celebration of Sunday & made a fast trip that way. He is a man of fairly tender feelings & will aim to follow out orders with hope that all will be well without doubt. Our alai-beg is over the with most of our forces, save what the liva pasha took to the Southward to put a stop to disturbances down that way. It is to be hoped they will all succeed in keeping a better quietude so people can gather in their bountiful harvest. Not a few piles of wheat in M. plain also go up in smoke; so the outlook that way is dark indeed. We are happy to report a Dr. H. L. Underwood & wife as to come to help share the work here-probably to arrive in Oct.: also that we are expecting an Aintab College graduate at a near day for chief teacher of our boys high school. Cordially to all along the line, Watchman.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple, Nov. 5th, 1901.

Our dear Friends:-

We closed our last issue of Sept. 10th with announcement of near approach of Aintab graduate who was to become our chief teacher in the boys school. After nearly twenty days en route he arrived to relate how he had 'fallen among thieves & robbers' in the Diarbekir vilayet, who if they did not 'leave him half dead', at least carried off most of his things, save his bed. Though the responsible culprits have been lodged in the Diar. prison, chiefly for other graver crimes it remains to be seen whether the teacher's things will be forthcoming sometime in the future. This misfortune, together with news soon after of a heavy fire in his native city of Aintab has not left half over cheery in entering upon his year's work with us. Still he starts out very well considering all these things & seems pretty independent in Armenian as well as having the Turkish as his mother tongue to help so much.

Our Vali is still holding on at Moush, as also the Van Russian V. consul, while it is now & then rumored that the seat of the vilayet may be transferred there; sure it is the Vali has sent on for warmer clothing as if he might be held there till winter cold was upon upon him. His uncertainty has wavering influence upon the location of the consuls, as they need be near him. We are glad for the presence, for the winter at least, of an Eng. V. consul, but whether to be here or at M. not a little of the time he is in doubt, so does not yet lay in supplies nor secure appropriate help but takes his noon & evening meals with us these twelve days till above uncertainties clear away.

This our Anglo-American consul feels, like our U.S. Minister at C., that I better swear by my foreign passport & push right ahead in any case; so I may yield to his desire & accompany him back to M. which regions we have not been able to visit for our missionary work for over a year, while there has been added the destruction of Mogounk village-including burning of American property, as the Sch. building was held in our name, loss of parsonage, etc.; and not only buildings were given over to the fire but crops as well to quite an an extent; so that starvation seems staring certain in the face & some help in grain-supply appears called for to save life, which demands a visitation also.

We are sorry to say that the former teacher at M. but of late Kaprielian's wife is again incarcerated, as twice she has been before on false charge, but if her three-months old babe is allowed with her we are not informed, & her being run in this way without written summons seems irregular but it remains to see what our Eng. official will be able to accomplish with the Vali as to the question when he may reach Moush some days hence.

We have had the pleasure of a three days' visit from Dr. Raynolds & a Mr. Roesler, a German-Swiss "Reverend" whom Dr. Ussher recently brought on from Tiflis; they escorted our Miss Knapp on from her so-journ at Van these two Mos. Though the party had pleasant weather coming a heavy rain seems the fortune of the gentlemen in their return journey. The autumn has been pleasant for the most part-facilitating bringing of grain into town by the peasants, so that many things are cheaper in price than we have seen them for many a year. Fall sowing also has come up most hopefully as cheer for next year's crop. With such surveillance as the Vali & two consuls give murders & some other irregularities are less of late, while Kourdish outlaws seem apprehensive. Will our colleagues of other stations tell us whether their Govt. directors of Edu have 'directed' them to only admit Prot. children to their schools, as with us? We hope it will be easier to brush aside some of these perplexing questions now we have this valiant, vigorous consul at hand so it may not turn on us so much for responsibility.

Cordial greetings to all, Watchman.

Mousch, Nov. 14. 1901

Rev. Judson Smith D.D.

Dear Dr. Smith;

It is possible you may have a glance at me & my case, as also that of Mrs. Susan Kaprielian's (maiden name Hampartsumian) through what I sent last post to Mr. Peet & your son the lawyer Frederick H. Cole, L.L.B., 53 West Fifty-fifth St. New York City. Still if you will pardon my scribbling with a strange pen & non-official paper I may in my pressure for time the short time I am here and with so many interruptions from not a few people so disheartened & forlorn they know not where to turn give you as briefly as may be the sketch of these cases, i.e. beginning with experiences at Bitlis.

You know how I have no permit to travel within the vilayet even now for over a year - not even to travel outside of Bitlis, though our Vali said considering our Summer Camp an hour away a suburb of the City he thought he might allow me to go there, as no zaptieh was needed going & coming.

Failing to secure removal of the Embargo at Constp., our Minister, as perhaps I have reported, advised my officially informing the Local Govt. when & where I purposed going when he would hold the Ottoman Govt. responsible for any delay or damage. My family thought such instructions sounded well if only he might insure against a stray bullet that

is so cheap and common by fanatics set on by such as cannot be tracked when is done a deed while the wild perpetrator easily escapes & nothing comes of it. A certain official, once posing as consul in N.Y. City, in protesting that I should not go to M. hinted it would be easy to manage it in such ways if I persisted. Though I gave little importance to such a bunkum threat yet the family naturally feel differently about it, tho I have come on Sunday.

It was fortunate that the new Eng. vice consul, Mr. Freeman (a good name to rest on for this country!), acting also for American interests felt as did our Minister & that I better come right along with him. I hesitated to come into these regions of late having a bad reputation in the eyes of the Turk and so proposed nearer regions to Bitlis, per hint of the Minister, as Akhlat & even Khoultig village two hours away only to have for a reply that I was not to travel anywhere outside of Bitlis. Being fully indorsed by the consul who desired me to come & considering the safety of coming with him at least, it seemed best to give Govt written notice of plans through the consul to the ~~consul~~ & if open opposition were made he would be with me. None came out to stop us though two higher police were watching outside town not far from the road to report if I had actually gone so they might telegraph ahead to the Vali who is here & has been most of the season. Of course we were met some two hours out on the road from here by the same ones who turned me back last year, accompanied also by others, who went over the same

old flourish of words that Mr. Cole was not to travel outside of Bitlis." Of course we did not slow up our horses but pushed on to this city just the same for all their parleying of words, and they attempted no open opposition. Of course the same repetition of words was gone over when I announced I was to go to Verkavank village 1½ hours away to hold service on Sunday, and I thought best to go alone in nature of challenge in case they were disposed to interfere with me when away from the Consul. Zabtieh & police followed on giving so much doubt as to wrong intentions that the Consul kindly appeared on the scene (after I had closed my baptismal service) with his horse very sweaty indeed from his haste!

On Sunday just as I was leaving the Vali sent word that he wished me to come to him for a talk on the matter to which I replied with salutations that I had work but would call the next day. Before it was time for me to call he sent up saying he was to come to us in an hour or two which he did when again old ground was gone over, he putting plenty of "soft soap" concoction for the Consul's information & in my presence as to how he had nothing against me, did not understand the order against me, &c. &c. But it ended by his & the Sent. Gov't with him saying that though they were under orders & could give no escort officially one would follow on if I informed when & when I was to leave, & that they could not stop me.

This much for the present situation but what turn it may take in the future remains to be seen. Of

course they will lie rather low as long as the Consul is near, but on my return to B. away from him I should not be at all surprised if they should attempt on me what they did on the young Mr. Knapp, possibly before I could get word to the Consul who will hold on here most of the time if the Bittis vali does. Still they would have to break down my door & use force ere they got me out of my American domicile of some extra territorial rights. Of course we hope for better treatment tho we thus speak.

But I close this sheet in referring to the most flagrant treatment of all in that dealt out upon the head of poor Sosay a popular teacher of girls here for some years, in which case I also wrote Mr. Peet & hoped he might find some one to copy it & send Jen, as also the part referring to me. Here she is in prison the 3d time on most trivial trumped-up charges, as if in proportion to her well known innocence of all thought of sedition they would make her out most guilty. "What is there in a name" we read. Her family name before marrying our teacher of boys here Mr. Kaprielian, was Hamhartounian which was also the family name of rather a noted seditionist imprisoned that was thought to be acquitted. For all thorough investigation proving that Sosay was from a poor orphaned family of Akhlat province 32 miles north, the other was a man of no relation whatever, unknown who & from Zeitoun region near Marash some 400 miles so. of Bittis; still the Palace at Constp. issues such orders this another investigation is simply a mock trial exhibiting revenge in every word of the president of court.

As it was a public trial, as are all in that court, both the Eng. & Russian vice consuls were present and I also had my place in the rear. The brief time taken for this case just before time to close in the evening, was to dwell minutely on a childish letter her orphan sister of some 13 or 14 years wrote her about the time of death of their mother (their father died years before) as if the court would read serious matters into that! As all the boys as well as girls that have gone out from our schools here could hardly be a pupil further removed from all such thoughts, and her innocency was so established that beraat (acquittal) was declared last year, but as her name was Hampartsumian and as our Erzroum consul had telegraphed in the open to the U. S. Legation (said Tel. like most in this land, fell into hands of Gov.) it is reported to have gone before His Majesty even who went into a furor, as well he might had it been true, that the notorious revolutionist had been let out of prison. Though careful effort was made here & at Bitlis by sending official to the poor young woman's village to prove she was no relation whatever of that man & that their native regions are hundreds of miles apart, he was not & will not be convinced and nearly all the members of the court here establishing her innocency were cast out of office most summarily, as was also the muavin of the Lieut. Gov. (a Christian official) whose only crime was that he translated correctly said article from an old newspaper by name of Eagle published at Van 30-40 years

and that unbelievers to her was found among her papers, translated correctly I should say & made it out to be a harmless article, as of course it was. Not only has this last model official that he was made out to be, been cast out of office but the Govt. by toleration only allow him to move about in the City Bitlis, but refuse to pay his back salaries, thus cheating him out of over 100 Liras! I only refer to these side issues of the case to indicate this is a clear case of most bitter revenge, as all can see, and as some Moslems even have said tho they dare not have their name mentioned - one of them being rather a high official. Thus the poor woman is sure to be condemned no one knows for how many years, and is shut into an empty upper so-called room not fit for pigs, and is at the present not allowed to see her own husband - shut in there among six other women prisoners, three of them murderesses per Govt. Court, one of them confessing her deed & thus her verdict of a life sentence 101 years! We have sought hard to arrange to baptize her infant of less than five months somewhere so she may be present, but there seems no hope of that, as she is not allowed to come outside, for all she is two months on in second pregnancy, nor am I, her spiritual father, priest if you please say so, allowed to go to her, while food taken to her is so fingered over by the zabtiehs on guard that she can hardly stomach to eat it! Would that the Embassy & Legation informed as to the case might bring such influence to bear as to liberate this wholly innocent one just as was done years ago for an Prof. Tomaian condemned to lay lying. With so much sympathy shown for Miss Stone should not this graduate of Bitlis Mt. Hol. have less two.

Most sincerely R. M. Lea

Dr. Smith's letter continued. Nov. 18/0. - Mousk -

While I am here I can write pretty plainly and send under Consular seal to Caniper whence it goes by foreign post to insure its safety. - Yesterday was a busy Sab. for me in many services at two villages Navadvik & Derkevank where I baptized about a score of children & had Communion. But the desolation of burnt buildings brought tears near the surface. Mogounk & how only East of Mousk has its 30 houses, our Prot. chapel, written as Sch. but held in my name, the parsonage held in Kaprielian name but for which our Board helped somewhat & the old Gregorian (Armenian) church - all in ruins. Whole expense on the chapel I estimate about £100 while the Kaprielian parsonage they count £120 or 210 liras in all for loss that should come under American interests, and especially the £100 one held in my name. Of the 30 houses burnt four of the owners were members of our Prot. Church, an important one from whom died in prisoners while the others may from bad typhoid resulting from overcrowding & filth. One poor old man of 75 years, decrepid, & a son in prison - he the father also a church member. There 10-15 adherents of our faith from that village who are in prison & most of them condemned to 10-15 years - ch. members as well as others when Heaven knows they are not guilty. But with the same Court that is making such a farce of the trial of our poor Sassay, the British Int. Nat. graduate before referred to what is to be expected.

We have already reported above losses pertaining to American interests as above to Mr. Peet in case anything

by way of indemnity might be realized in the end, seems to my mind at least the sch house serving also as chapel should be built in the early spring & for the time we hope the Com^ee may authorize us to move in that direction perhaps allowing us to draw from balance long in our hands as if to purchase adjacent property in for enlarging mission premises but not yet realized for good reason I am delaying longer here than I planned as now for all the old obstruction & present surveillance there is so much to look after I shall only get home the last of this week, and now we might hope for some favorable solution of poor Sosay's case I am not sure that she is not to be pitied something as Miss Stone over in Bulgaria. This day she & her fellow women prisoners (three of them counted murderesses - one having confessed she in revenge for her honor killed the wretch whose death caused destruction of so much of that village are to be transferred to even a worse place. Her country has solemnly decided that the poor villagers burned their own through they know relatives of the murdered one did it from revenge only that the consuls (first the Russian from Van) & soldiers came here general massacre would been the result, and even the present course of procedure bids fair to accomplish about as much more than 100 having been killed the past few months while others are left in such destitution as to presume on their death before spring. I have secretly laid in 1100 godes (measures) of wheat (some £40) to be given out in perhaps one distribution hoping to save life, if God will. Excuse this another long hasty chapter that comes at the hands of Mr. Peet.

As ever most sincerely R. M. Co

Bitlis via Cons'ple, Dec 16, 1901

Rev. Drs. Barton & Smith

Dear Drs. - Both;

Pardon me for putting your two names upon one & the same sheet this may, but under conditions it may be allowable. Dr. Smith has kindly written several letters since we parted company with you, and the last one dated Nov. 7th I beg to acknowledge here.

On receiving your farewell epistle from the Rooms months ago, in which you gave addresses where you might be reached, Dr. Barton, I had visions of how possibly I might send you at least one missive while you were in our great Asia, but pressing duties & uncertain conditions you both have not been unmindful, gave little stimulus in that line, more especially considering uncertain postal conditions as well. I have to confess, however, that my communications to Dr. Smith will not have filled a large pigeonhole.

But let us assume this may find you back in the Boston office so we may offer our congratulations or welcome home, shall I call it! though with your family along with you in the journey you are only coming back to buildings, friends & colleagues in your accustomed lot & place. May Heaven's richest blessings abide on & follow your & the Deputations visit in that other part of our Asia! Would that you might have turned your footsteps northward from Port Said & so looked in on their hearts & the work — your old home!

Sure it is that you need no introduction to us & the peculiar environments that obtain in our regions. We are encouraged by the presence here for the winter of the Diarbekir Vice-Consul (Eng.) F. G. Freeman, Esq. who has worked vigorously for our rights or we should not been able possibly to go to Moush & so send letters thence by special conveyance as to evangelical & educational work briefly & as to how it had fared with me. I hope to send fuller acct. of my tours in a future letter.

We had hoped for the presence with us of our new associates Dr. & Mrs. Underwood for the winter, but they seem to be in Paris still, while letters from Constpl. fail to indicate, as does Dr. Smith's also, that they are not to arrive. I suggested to them to come via Syria as did we in Jan. three years ago and with no particular difficulty.

We are grateful to Dr. Smith & the Prud. Com.ee for this assignment of reinforcement; but greater, perhaps, is the importance of a young missionary Simon pure to help carry the missionary work proper that is not on so young shoulders as it has with me over 17 years ago when I arrived here, & over 33 since we arrived in Erzroum. Missionary & spiritual as Dr. Underwood may be, if he poses as a full fledged physician he will have little time or strength for work outside of his dept. & trow, as have not others that have tried it before him in other fields. If, however, he does little free practice & thus possibly

on special days - leaving over all surgical & chronic cases to go over to Dr. Hoskins hospital at Van instead of attempting another one here, then we may hope for more help from him here where people like money to tell to pay a Dr. This work has peculiar complications & perplexities the past few years, and there is need enough of combined wisdom to meet them.

You should have heard through our Stated Clerk Dr. Davey, of a scheme on foot to organize an Upper E. T. Mission for the present at least, as we set a vote going round the mission some time ago, copy of which I may enclose. In this way B., Erzm & Van so near together might come together for much needed consultation at small expense and without arresting much attention, from being seen. Such meetings, certainly for us small stations into which are coming new recruits of no experience, in some cases, should have no little importance in many ways. From what we have heard apparently Mpt. even will give us two votes, while all the male missionaries at the other stations vote Yea. We are sorry to see that some of the lady teachers, like our Ely sister at East, on this as in a few other cases hold back from voting alleging "that it does not pertain to woman's work", whereas, to my mind it does much more than voting whom I am not to have for my associate. I wish you could write some limitation or rule for their voting, and please see that our new mission scheme has good attention & prompt reply, if the vote carries.

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Hastily &c R. M. Cole

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P. S. What a glorious meeting was that at Stockbridge! The Lord bless all that worked so hard to clear away the heavy debt!

Our sympathies go out towards the Secretaries and Comte respecting the case of Miss Stone. We hear indirectly that some have been inclined to pass criticism on them for not coming forward at once to meet that enormous ransom. We feel caution in that direction is called for. If it were my life that were involved I do not believe I should wish any such stupendous sum made for me & especially considering the effect it might have as to others. Papers are so irregular, if indeed they come at all, our news from Bonga & Kuzo is nothing. How it has turned with the poor captives, but the truth is some prisoners over this way or little better off, as for instance poor Cosay, late teacher of girls at Mongla concerning whom I wrote so much go pro: Pete's names as sent. Eight prisoners from this of mission — some of them our being years there for Christ, have died in prison when we have no word. While others, if not most of the 34 innocent ones condemned for 10 & 15 years, will not live out their terms.

Dec. 16, 1902

Bitlis, Jan. 11. 1902

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

If Government emissaries sent to foreign courts are in duty bound to report to their superiors, all the more should we loyal subjects of a Heavenly King be mindful in such lines even though no Blue Book confronts us, nor medal of promotion is reached out to dazzle us.

The past month has been a busy one for me, as I have canvassed all our outstations at present occupied - one dozen in all - attending to church ordinances, admission on confession, marriages (for I'm the only ordained Prot. in this) looking after school interests, &c., while Dro. Semi. and acct. for the station had also to be crowded into this same one month.

Fortunately in speaking to you of old Harpout experience I am addressing one who is not unmindful as to what it is to push a four footed "special" over mountain & plains in this land, tho I suspect you did not learn what is was to eat village native fare from their low tables, as we have it up in these parts, and bunk at night so humbly as to have mother earth for a bedstead with only the reed mat (hasir) & piece of felt (cat chay) between which my overcoat serves as coverlet - a bed down you see is not feathery down & not likely to freeze. Our quarters are warm to be sure for have we not grunting babbaloos & braying donkey as live fenders against the cold!! If air is vitiated it is a part of the plan for hotel guests in these parts.

But taking things a little in order, Dr. Smith in the first instance if not from second hand, will have had per Mr. Peck's hands rather full chapters of my doings at Mousch & reaction in the latter of which Govt. took a part, but I need not repeat. Sufficient to say that the renegade Armenian agitators, on mischief bent, made their escape from the rather near monastery but not till the Moslems were much irritated not only from the shooting of two of their soldiers but from others being kept up there on the mountain side in the cold to hold the defiants ones under siege.

We hear that within a few days certain of that fifty or others of the kind found lodgment in a village on the plain & before being turned out killed a Captain of 50 (milazim) with another officer if not a few soldiers as well – all of which things gives apprehension for the (religion.

But to the Northward in our great parish, after returning from Mousch, up & out of this Bitlis gorge of the mts. we find ourselves inclined to extend our elbows, expand our lungs & quaff a full blast from our the "sea", as natives call the Van lake, and salt as it is, with more than ten times the expanse of old Galilee the names, the names has some appropriateness to be sure.

As we skirt along the shore, to our right & across the bay on the southern side is scenery to remind us not a little of New England if not of old England as well – between Liverpool & London, so many trees are scattered here & there among the fields. While away to our right is Mt. Sipan whose lofty, snow capped summit is no mean rival of old Ararat 100 miles away. As we pass over the watershed between the Van sort of dead sea (for it has no outlet) and the Murad chai or Eastern

branch of the Euphrates river we bear to the leftward & do enter the great Boulanouk, one of the finest plains of Turkey. Like the mouth one a splendid granary for multitudes if only tranquility might prevail. Had we arrived four days earlier brisk fusillading was going on only three hours away among the Kourds - their leaders being Hamidieh (Gov^t reserves) 15 of whom were killed & more wounded & some Armenians plundered. These 'mills' are at one another's throats almost every year since Hamidiehs were instituted, & it would not matter so much if only poor Christians did not suffer from being as various as they are or the action of the tribes which invites mutual revenge.

I visited in the circuit seven out stations in these regions and found not a little to encourage so far as the spirit of the people went. A splendid time to preach & there was hunger for the gospel. "We have little left us but Christ" said the poor ones, and they desired such comfort as only He proffers. Of course under late conditions helpers are lacking to tribes poor bewildered ones on to something better than mere dreaming. We have located one with his new wife taking some girls' school here, while he is one of our assistant teachers in boys' sch. in Shebhaghoob, a most important center in Boulanouk, but up to the present the Gov^t superintendent has interposed obstructions to opening the sch. of 30 years standing. The new couple were delighted about it & even thought the school will soon be opened with large supply of pupils. In those regions as also the nearer provinces of Kharput we had frequent meetings & conferences with Bible.

being under surveillance of an official (captain of fifty) as well as two zoptiehs discretion was important; so I took the way of hastening right to our buildings if there were such & if not to where prayer was wont to be made when I was left to run the meeting in my own way the once the captain came to be a respectful listener for awhile. I sometimes conciliated the moslem guard by eating with them before light as it was during bairam, & so got along with them. Of course I must needs eat also during the day once or twice but for a few days that also was fast for the Armenians tho that, as you know only means abstaining from proceeds of the flock - milk, cheese

13th Since writing the above, in company with the kind placing Eng. vice Consul F. G. Freeman, Esq. I have made a few bairam calls and you would have been interested in hearing how the military captain complimented Mr. Cole & the consul & others, that he was conscientious & that he had not only furnished an escort this time but would be glad to have me travel hereafter and he would furnish all the escort I cared for. The vali whom I met in Boulanouk (where we touched in route from Moush because of above mixture among the Kouds) broke me personally from Moush answering mine sent him hastily to remind him of his promise as to seeking a pardon from the that teacher of girls as above, and in it he addressed me as "My dear Friend, I see you are faithful" & forthwith fulfilled his promise called at his home & conveyed messages to his children. I refer to these things to show how we are in no end of broil with officials our principle being to be at peace with them just so far as is possible -

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Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple, Feb. 15th, 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

We have been very glad to receive two communications, dated respectively Dec. 27th & Jan. 16th '02, over your own signature. We rejoice that you & the Delegation were so blessed in all your long journeyings by sea & land, and we trust rich fruit will follow the effort. But before coming to your letters there is one before me of earlier date that Dr. Smith kindly sent Mrs. Cole in reply to hers written on my behalf as I was leaving for the Moush tour. Perhaps you will kindly say to him that though his was dated Dec. 9th, it did not arrive here till Feb. 1st/02, as it htd been long astray, apparently falling into the mail for India till reaching Egypt the mistake was found, as not infrequently happens in such cases & so it was turned up this way through the slow Syria route. It would be better for these interior Stations, seems to me & so said Mr. Baird when he was over here with me for a time, if the only marking were as at head of this leaflet, -no Open Mail, via London, but simply via Cons/ple, when it is likely to take the most rapid mail route irrespective of London where the danger arises that it get into the bag for India, as above. Mr. Baird said the old form Open Mail via London, had reference to European Turkish stations so the letters for them might drop off as they came along without reaching Cons/ple while ours should push right on to C. most direct & thence they come to us.

As to "the Knapp house" matter is well if the Mission cogitate over it, but the only thing would be to lease it perhaps for a long course of years, for it is next to impossible for us foreigners to get good titles of any property, since there is prejudice against foreigners taking any such hold. But as you hint, and as I think I have before written to the Rooms, let the property stand in the Knapp name, more especially as the old long drawn-out litegation respecting that must be known to you, and I am sorry to say that the knave, who came so near wrenching it away from the family & would succeeded had we not on coming here in '84 held on "like a dog to the root", is still alive, and from time to time makes his boast he is to try it again! We trust, however, he would meet with no permanent success in that line, but it is Turkey, and would constitute excuse enough to keep natives from bidding on it.

As for action of the Mission on it in Anl. Meeting we know not when there will be one. We three Upper Stations, -Bitlis, Erz. & Van-feel under conditions we might be allowed to set up for ourseves for a time, as I have written you, and as the male member at Hpt. voted save, mirabile dictu, the new Mr. Carey who seems to me cannot have been on the ground long enough to have a legal vote. Our new Mission scheme carried I think so far as the males voted but somehow the way our ladies vote & then do not vote as the fit takes them tips over proper decision in not a few cases, and for this reason some of us think of proposing that all those manifesting such indifference in signing should be counted out as if absent from the Mission by stated clerk, for carrying the ballot means responsibility from which if some shrink, as I knew they do, then they must face being counted out if they do not vote on one of the sides.

We are all fairly well, save Miss Knapp gives evidence of needing a change as soon as she is inclined to leave, as she has lost flesh & has little appe. We are sorry to say the R. consul has left Moush for Van & Xns. are much discouraged, while threats there & here are not lacking, for all the caution of our officials. With cordial greetings,

Sincerely Yours R. M. Cole

Bills, Feb. 15, 1902

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople, Feb. 21st, 1902

Prof. A. Meyer Benedictsen,
Villa Granly, Charlottenlund, Denmark.

Dear Prof. Benedictsen:-

Your communication of Jan. 27th has just come to hand by our last weekly post, and per your request answer by first outgoing post.

It is kind in you to think backward with warm sympathy for & interest in the unfortunate people of these parts & especially at Moush city & region. The agitators were allowed to escape from Arelots monastery soon after you must have left for Erz., and some days since the Russian consul also left for Van-some say with the promise to Christians to return in some 20 days. The Orthodox movement (change of religion) is not yet an established fact I think, though enough has been done to make it worse for the people if the Russian official does not return. As to our plans you ask after we shall go right on with our religious & educational work as usual, since bona fide Prots. are not likely to turn Orthodox anyway. We, too, have no Prot. "propaganda" but the people have freedom to choose what they think true Gospel & so the children. We preach Christ & Him Crucified, but never persuade any to become Prot., would bring poor wayward, wandering so-called Christians back to the new Test. religion.

Yes, you saw Moush "unhappy & desolate!" Such conditions come about largely from the mad course of the agitators who will not disappear, so that all crime can be easily charged upon Christians as if they were all agitators! Hence is Govt. generally suspicious, searching of houses, schools, etc. in earlier times & so our teacher's young wife (formerly teacher of girls in M.) was condemned for five years on strength of an article printed in a paper before she was born! A similar cruel fate was dealt out to Morounk poor villagers. M. is on the border of illfated Sassoun a sort of center for agitators apparently. They seem glad to have attracted consuls there as if to arrest attention of Europe, and with that idea seemed to seize the monastery. This much, in fine, to show actual conditions that causes much of the 'unhappiness & desolation' you saw, or we might see better conditions than this way, certainly at Akhlat, 2 hours N. of Bitlis a few years ago when agitators were about in that province. All such things obstruct efforts put forth to elevate Christians. This it is that led our former helper at M. to accept a call to be preacher at Erz. & has led our teacher you saw there to plead to go elsewhere & will persuade us to allow him if his unfortunate wife may get out of prison. Only that he feared to go there another of our more experienced helpers would gone there some months ago & so he been spared much he has gone through, possibly imprisonment of his wife. The man who will take his place is not only more experienced, but is preacher as well as teacher-graduate of our Bitlis high school & Harpout Theol. Sem'y. As for your 'helping to broaden our work' there, thank you for the idea but we must move cautiously these times. It would be next to impossible to secure other buildings & even for the school we have there effort was made to close it but being so old as Sch.-first part of building-they did not succeed; still every effort is made in various ways to hedge up our way-I myself being hinder from going there for a year as you know, while my young associate, now at Mt. was sent out of this field altogether by Govt. & the obvious intention is to crush out altogether the work of foreigners in this vilayet, especially educational. I thus speak frankly & fully since you think of sending a young man lest in so coming both he & you be much disappointed, unless conditions chang very much. Officials of late claim to see that my presence & age render me safe while a young man would be far different. But the truth is we sometimes feel almost like giving up the struggle & leaving. As you saw there is an Eng. consul here for the winter so it has helped us not a little, but with no other to come & none elsewhere in the vilayet & continuance of obstructions it is very discouraging indeed. The people are emigrating fast as they can-several planning to leave this very spring. The Lord grant better conditions & may He lead carefully in all these matters! With cordial greetings from us including Mr. Saroyan. The pictures are being sent.

Very truly yours, R. M. Watchman

Answ. Feb. 15, 1902

Bitlis, Kourdistan, February 28th, 1902.

dear Friends:-

Since our last issue of 18th ult.weather continues mild & ly pleasant considering time of the year-cold-severity bieng 12 above. we have had more snow,sleet & rain,while during the snowstorm when big es like thistledown feathered their way from the clouds to earth lo & be- thunder & lightning take a hand at the weird display,for in B.does not nge things take place! About that time-19th & 20th insts.at five P.M. & 2 of those dates,old Earth let us know here,too,she could rise & shake elf,which she did tho with no damage save bit of scare here & there while lants are set swinging & glass in the windows creaking suspiciously.

Some of our colleagues in the Mission know how for the past few years we been laboring to ~~so far~~ reconcile partners of an old mercantile Co.do- business with one Mr.Bogigian of Hpt.field but long resident & doing bus- ss as Oriental rug,etc.dealer near Congl.House,Boston,in order to collect least part of what was claimed by the agrieved ones here before it was lawed. The Co.soon broke up,as they are likely to in this land,from mu- l disaffection & distrust. As most of the money was lodged with Mr.B.we ailed upon him to at least pay over five hundred pounds in case we could secure paper of clearance so as to forestall any future lawsuit. Poor al- to bankruptcy as some of the parties were here it was a long process to g them to"see it in that light"and when they did & the paper was sent on good friends at the Rooms,Treas.Wiggin & Dr.Barton,did valuable service Mr.Bogigian was so finical as to how it must be & who should sign it,etc consummated at that end we make quick work here in passing it over to three partners here & wired the other to one in Cons/ple since trusteeing said to be in the air from certain who had collected claims for a suit. ope it will prove to have been ended well before it was outlawed & seems ave won deep gratitude from all concerned,even of Mr.Bogigian himself.It such a joy,especially to pass over the eighty pounds to a poor widow who ls that her husband's life went a sacrifice resulting from sorrow at the mixture & loss to him in the transaction as member of the Firm. Having a son left,for all her long row of girls,they were reduced to such straits to be helped from charity,tho elected hunger rather than much of such.With s money she takes breath again,can fix up her attractive girls(two of whom in our Sch.)so suitors are applying for them & there is some encouragement eing the time of marrying & giving in marriage the machine comes rolling pon our schools as well-sweeping off several of our larger orphan girls. t of whom find their new homes in town or some of the nearer villages. Moush seems getting along without the Russian consul who passed to our thward some two weeks since on to Van,tho gave hope to Xns.he would return. ning very definite yet as to the Orthodox movement there,tho it went far ugh doubtless to make it no easier for participants should he not return. or two Xns.were killed or perished in the snows there to keep up the count yet there is no improvement in status of the prisoners & no releases.

The Danish Prof.reported in last issue arriving home writes us that"of the places visited he found Moush"most unhappy & deserted"and goes on to say t he & friends propose to help in"broadening"our work there;and that should ipts warrant they would send out a highly educated young man who could en- s hardships as do we; at first stop by us to learn managing & all"house- ping"when with our help he go & join the work in M.as"helper & manager"-he ning Europeans an important element to have in that city.We shall see how turns,for we could not feel very enthusastic under conditions & so wrote. nteresting meetings of Week of Prayer still followed by special one.Last union two admitted to Ch.on confession,both of whom were brought to the t through humble efforts of a poor cobbler of our people,who used to go their dark village in darkest Khizan. One of the men has a nice son in Sch. esterday's Tel.announced arrival at Cons/ple of our new associates,Drs.Mr. rs.Underwood. Letters from them at Paris seem to have the right ring to n,& the blue prints of them & Hpt.Dr.with wife did n't make them out blue! r 18 boxes have been here-coming via Syria-sometime. Mr.Meizer thinks af- some four weeks they will move on but route not evident. Watchman R.M.

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Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple. March 7th. 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton. D.D..

Dear Dr. Barton:-

It may be worth while to send on an enclosure & so why not a word to accompany it, one might say.

Following the unusually interesting & well attended meeting of Week of Prayer an extra prayer meeting is still being continued & at our last Communion two new members were admitted on confession. Would, however, there were greater interest in spiritual things which should beget more assurance & feelings of safety. But the people have seen so much in the past & still hear so many threats there seems little courage left within them. It tries me most of all when our preachers & teachers fall even behind the common people in actual courage. Even this day news comes to me of one such that was made deathly pale & trembly as an aspen leaf because certain roughs last night went prowling about his premises as if 'on plunder bent' but when at the cries of the man one of his people more courageous seized the culprit, as he was near neighbor & soon at hand. "What are you doing here?" "Nothing" was the reply, only having a little fun-a joke-apparently to frighten a timid one! Still when we take into account that over forty were killed in that place at time of the massacre, and that he & wife with little daughter only escaped as if by the skin of their teeth & with paying almost a fourth of his yearly stipend as their ransom to Kourds who whisked them off out of danger,-in view of such experiences, I say, it is not strange they feel not a little timid In view of this & the fear that agitators may in some way involve them, or Govt. be all the more after them for being persons of influence in the villages it is increasingly difficult to persuade young men to take up teaching in the out side field-all clamoring for employment within our own enclosures. We almost forced one of our assistant teachers here, whom we married to a graduate of the ladies' Sch. some years since, to go to one of the most important villages on our wonderful Boulanik plain. Though he reached there some four months since they yet have been able to have no regular Sch. because of obstructions of Govt.-the Inspector of Schs. here having reported that the Sch. was opened six years since, whereas it was opened over thirty ago & so cannot be closed by law; but it is marvelous how much hindrance a petty official can give in these interior, fanatical places to obstruct the work. Of course we are after it both here & at Cons/ple, tho I am sorry to say the latter place does lit- for us & even for that it takes so long to hear it takes all the courage out of us to look much that way. In late Dr. Pettibone's time & with his few assistants, we usually could look for a reply for business matters sent up, but these late times, even by sending to the Office "Searchers" for replies our Circle fares rather hard. It was better when Mr. Peet was away-Mr. Heizer seeming to have responsibilities so in hand & fair help that we could tell better what to plan on for replies. We do not like to seem to grumble in this way but our patience as a Circle have been sorely tried, not least that of the Es, and by saying that it was not so bad even when Mr. P. was away I had the thought you might feel it was because he was away in the Miss Stone case matter, but it was just the same before. As I have written them Of course we in the Interior are not a little dependent on that Office & need to know these uncertain postal times whether orders, or questions have arrived. It causes us much more work as we have to repeat the same question so many times over. If once they were to change places with us they would see how embarrassed we often are in not getting replies to questions. Perhaps it is useless to write you but I do not like to speak much plainer to them. Sincerely yours,

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AMERICAN BOARD MISSION.

Bitlis, Turkey via Cons/ple, March 27/02.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Secretary American Board of Missions.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

May we of Bitlis & Van Stations of our Eastern Turkey Mission, especially, call your attention to the great need of having a U.S. Consul assigned to these two vilayets (States)-he to reside in the Bitlis vilayet for the present at least owing to critical conditions in these regions now for some years, and since Van already has it quota of other consuls.

Though there is a U.S. Consul at Erzroum, still it is so far away, while the execuatur of that official is only for the Erzroum province, he can be of little service to us. We had hoped at least British consuls might be allowed such fanatical regions as these, as they are ever ready to use their kind offices for us when at hand. Still their changes are frequent; so by the time they become familiar with conditions they may be leaving; or as happens now & then they are military gentlemen & so we do not find so much assistance as circumstances demand. Besides, as things now appear this post is to be given up altogether. We have been favored with the presence for the winter of H.B.M. Vice-Consul, F.G. Freeman, Esq. but his plans are to return to his regular post at Diarbekir in the early season, and again this vilayet is to be left to its former fate. But if we are not supposed to enter a plea for other than Americans & American Interests then we can manifest selfishness enough to state that our American Colony, when our new associates, Drs. Mr. & Mrs. H.L. Underwood, (already at Cons/ple where he is passing his medical examination so the Ottoman Govt. may pass his diploma) arrive on the ground, will number eight persons-worth caring for we think!

Knowing as you do, Dr. Barton, the history of these regions the past few years, and understanding fully all the obstructions that have been & are still thrown in the way of carrying forward our educational & evangelical work as do missionaries elswhere in Turkey, we trust you will with promptness make representation to Department of State, that may in turn wish to ask the opinion of the Erzroum consul, Leo Bergholz, Esq. on the matter. In carrying it forward with great promptness we hope the question may be brought to a successful issue before Congress adjourns. Please take the matter into serious & prompt consideration, not simply for sake of our circle but most of all the work & people who find so much encouragement in the presence of such an official. And oblige, Yours most respectfully,

R. M. Cole.

AMERICAN BOARD MISSION.

Hilla, Turkey via Constantinople, March 21st.

James L.Barton,D.D.,

Secretary American Board of Missions,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr.Barton:-

May we of Hilla & Van Stations of our Eastern Turkey Mission, especially call your attention to the great need of having a U.S.Consul assigned to these two vilayets(districts)-one to reside in the Hilla district.

The present at least owing to critical conditions in these regions for some years, and since Van already has it cuts of other consuls.

Though there is a U.S.Consul at Erzroum, still it is so far away, while the exequatur of that official is only for the Erzroum vilayet, he can be of little service to us. We had hoped at least British consuls might be allowed such jurisdictional regions as these, as they are even regularly their also officers for us when at hand. Still their changes are frequent so by the time they become familiar with conditions they may be laxer or as dangerous. Even if then they are military residents I do so do not so much assistance as circumstances demand. Besides, as things now stand this post is to be given up altogether. We have been favored with the assurance for the minister of H.B.M.Vice-Consul, F.G.Freeman,Esq.,that his office is returning to his regular post at Diarbekir in the early spring. Now in this vilayet is to be left to its former fate. But it is so far off as to offer a place for other than Americans, & Americans interested in medical institutions enough to make that our American Consular Agency, Messrs. Dre.Mr.& Mrs.H.L.Underwood,already at Constantinople, assisting his medical examination so the Ottoman Govt.may make this district live on the ground,will number eight persons-North Carline for an hinterland.

Knowing as you doubtless,Barton,the history of these regions for the past few years,and understanding full well all the obstructions that have been & are still thrown in the way of carrying forward our educational & medical work as do missionaries elsewhere in Turkey,we trust you will with promptness make representation to Department of State,that may in turn also the opinion of the Erzroum consul,Leo Rarphol,Esq.on the matter, and urging it forward with great promptness so hope the question may be brought a successful issue before Congress adjourns. Please take the matter into serious & prompt consideration,not simply for sake of our district but for the work & people who find so much encouragement in the presence of such official. And oblige, Yours most respectfully,

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ar Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 5th, 1902.

Will colleagues of the other Stations in E.T.tell us if they e having any tilts with officials respecting schools,especially in villages, ne of our oldest Schs.& most continuous(especially winters)that at Shakhagh ub of Boulanik,has been closed for some months. It came about through false spresentation that the Sch.was new comparatively,whereas it is over thirty ears old. But it may be well the strike has been on this older one,for after ot pursuit(in which the consul kindly took a non-official part)the Vali assured us a Tel.should be sent for it to be opened till final decision was eached by Chief of Dept.at Cons/ple. But with such a false report in their ands there & with the obvious restrictive,obstructing policy they take at C or our work(especially educational)in this vilayet the prospect is not bright s we have hinted in the past."How are you to prove the S.Sch.is old"said the ec'y of director of Schs.in a talk. We had five names from the village ready or witnesses that it was over thirty years old,while a stone over the door ut there over seventeen years ago at time the building was repaired would lso tell its story,-all of which seemed to silence them for the present.It ay be well to mention that this particular Sch.was referred to & its prospective teacher submitted to Director ere the former moved there & here is he result. Better,perhaps,not to"tell it in Gath nor publish it in Askelon" o seek indorsement seems to magnify the importance & powers of those to give

Our hibernating these months has not been serious,for all our 12 feet of now,for by digging through a few places where snows had been thrown from oofs into narrow lanes,some of our little colony have put in many a horseack ride,while the"parson"has done some preaching in near villages; he also erved large Khoultig by marrying a young couple who with several friends ould come to him over the snows if he could not reach there on horse.Making hem one the party returned home the same day for all the deep snows. About his time came what we trust is our last snowfall-a little over two feet,Henawks & starlings appearing the 8th ult.were in time to contest the snow of 3th & 14th following,but cold being light no harm was done & it is gone now. ith heavy thunder showers & fierce downfall of rain snows beat a hasty rereat,though occasional sleet,slush & plenty of black mud in market made Baam calls none the easier.Might say here that late teacher of girls at Moush, oor Sosay's status seems worse rather than better for all three foreign hiefs at C. claim to have asked for pardon. Her distracted husband not allowed to see her of late nor the children that take her rations to her! It eems sometimes as though foreign official interference does more harm than ood in the long run,-at least natives express it that way,while our Covr. pressed some such words to us-"Why do our subjects turn to consuls & not me to us direct.Have they not gotten on withus before & how are they to be improved by turning away to again be left in our hands-as when R.consul lost ushWite. Certain it is that ex-patriation papers for a wife whose husband st his vote in N.Y.city for Mayor in late election,have been hanging now early two years,for all the Legation & kindly offices of consul here in B. thers with their own ordinary means & some use of money have succeeded in ere fraction of the time-one such party having left this very week. B.is having the distinction of a call from a second notable(the first being Lord Percy a few years ago)a Scottish Marquis of Bute,or Lord Bute,as ey call him. He is only some twenty years old,has come ~~come~~ via Aleppo,Bagt,Ispahan,Bayazid & Van; he goes hence via Moush & Erzroum-possibly accompanied as far as Moush by our consul.He is to be present & participate in the ronation,the does not seem fond of politics. Sincerely yours, R.Watchman.

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Rev. R. M. Cole

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Dear Dr. Barton:

I enclose what we and Van signed as it was directed to Mr. Berghoelz (for he had understood it was to be sent to him); but later he said we should address you rep. Dept of State which might ask then for Con-sul. I send this on as indication of B. & Van sentiments from number of signatures; though naturally the paper is not suited for more than for you to refer to. For prudent reasons we send consuls under other covers rather than this round stop with him.

Yours truly

Kittery, Me. 12/02

R. M. Cole

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P.S. I had in mind to call your attention also to the qestion of our schools. As I have before hinted, there seems determined efforts most persistently put to close once for all our schools, but we are glad to say has begun this time with the one at Shekhaghoub of Boulanik plain, that is of more than thirty yrs. standing & yearly continuance, so far as ~~summers~~ winter are concerned. But the director of schools, for all so friendly, apparently, caused it to be reported as a new school & so it was closed. Probably the indirect cause of it was the ex-consul, referred to in inclosed paper, who as a sort of mad recluse out of discouragement at his own status as well as that of his country, makes a driv at foreigners & especially missionaries in hopes of currying favor elsewhere. But the very fact of his being up here as exile shows that he is of the T. young party, as, indeed, he has openly spoken & tells how he longs for change in regime. Still the Cons/ple policy for Protestantism in this vilayet is cle clear-crush it out & get rid of foreigners, as I have said in other letters. Having been reported by them as new the school was closed & it is feared being referred to Chief of Public instruction at Cons/ple, the action here may be confirmed & with this test case established they will proceed to others. After various interviews with the Muarif mudir of instruction & the Vali we finally got them to telegraph(if it went)to our teacher,-no Govt. there while ours went to the teacher that the school be opened till answer long waited from Cons/ple might come. But in view of the somewhat critical situation of our educational work I am sending Mr. Peet this post a tabulation of our Sch chapels, etc. when established, if having firmans, permits, etc. should such be called for at our Legation you might apprise them where it is to be found. Of course we missionaries feel our educational, as well as church work, is in our province, for all the Vali went on to state that Mr. Cole should only look to church work & that Educational work as such was political-meaning seditou without doubt. We trust you friends will be able to establish our right to do in this land something as would clergymen at home in America; for missionaries everywhere in the land, saw as this vilayet, take a most prominent part in Edn.

In view of this & such questions as are constantly arising recent years in these regions, often resulting in work at Govt. that calls for my presence all the more when no consul is at hand-we were deliberating seriously as to the propriety of having our preacher Mr. Khachig Vartanian, recognized as our legal dragoman, so he can act officially & be assured fair protection. I find per treaty stipulations that were reported to us from Cons/ple in 1868 article IX it reads as follows"Ecclesiastical missions may have each one attorney & one dragoman who shall enjoy, on the same footing as the employés of consul ates the privilege & temporary protection". Of course this last means something for natives that are brave enough to take our place or act with us in their presence in confronting all the absurd obstructions that keep arising. If things go on to be much worse, & especially if no consul is to help us hold on to humanity this way, we may have not only to have the dragoman, but attorney & cavass in regular consulate style, tho it would cost something to keep up such an establishment when our Society makes no provision, so far as I know

Dear Dr. Barton:- You may have an interest in glancing through the above, a copy of what I send out U. S. Consul Leo Berghold, Esq. Erzroum

on our schools' question. We have not yet heard how the temporary arrangement for opening the Shekhagh sub sch. has worked as no one has come thence to bring word from our teacher there. The Govt here claimed to send Tel. to the local official there as did we to the teacher & we shall see how it has turned - if it is opened. The teacher in a sort of secret way has been carrying 15 pupils but not in the sch. building & what obstructions are off there will be a rush of scholars. Armenians have noticed what the prospect was in this respect, and so have tried to set a school running by bringing a sort of teacher from another village. C.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons/ple, April 12th, 1902.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Permit me in this non-official way to acknowledge your kind letter of March 8th at hand this last post; and you will, perhaps, pardon me for sending you this time most of the general report of the station, while the remainder-not yet ready-may be looked for our next weekly post, as also the Tab. View. I hah hoped to get the whole off this time but added to other things the Eng. vice-consul has just returned from Moush whither he accompanied Lord Bute referred to in enclosed leaflet of Watchman, and he was at our table, as he is not a little this winter, and so time has been taken. I hope to write more fully next week-sending along remainder of the report to find in your pigeon-hole the two leaflets which is all one letter weight will take.

Last post but one I sent you a similar to what Dr. Raynolds may have sent you as to the importance of this vilayet's having at least one foreign consul. Since then our U.S. Consul writes deprecating my giving any hints at the presence of the consul being "help to other Christians" and at same acting as repressive force on would-be disturbers of the peace." He also would have it stated that B. is not under his jurisdiction & so officially he could be of little use to us. With these corrections & such compilation as you may also make from Dr. Raynolds' on the subject we hope you will be abl to persuade the Department of State to locate a consul here or at Moush. Things generally are at about their worst in this vilayet & especially so over Moush way where agitators are quite too much in evidence.

We are expecting to start in some three weeks to escort Miss Knapp on to Erzroum where we may meet & escort back the Underwoods. Tho our vote for our daughter has carried, she will hold on another year probably.

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Bitlis, Apr. 18/02

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I pass along herewith the 3d & last page of what I have received for Genl. Sta. Report for 1901, and you will kindly see that it finds its place with the other two chapters if I send you last week. I think I shall also send you copy of Estimates for 1903 not Lab. view, though as a rule such are not sub to Boston till after Anl. Meeting I believe; but such a gathering for E. T. seems very doubtful for this year too, so it might as well go on up on time. As I am in company with Miss M. Ely going to escort Miss Knapp as far as Erzroum towards America, I may take it there to mail, tho I think will take another copy for stated clerk to put with Mission file. To my mind (& I think all the other male & most of the female voters would say the same in these three Northern stations) since E. T. M. gives little hope of Anl. meetings again with full no. of delegates & expense as of old but to now be taken out of Native Agency, No, but whence? for touring can hardly carry it, nor are individual pockets deep enough.

It was in view of this that we started a vote for setting up the Upper E. T. M. in capacity of Bitlis, Erzrum & Van stations; but as usual late years the lady voters of the mission, from indifference as to whether they voted or not, left it undecided tho so far as the males were concerned I think it carried - there

not being more than one or two who voted "Nay".
To regulate this indifference in use of the ballot
again we set going a vote to the effect that here-
after all those withholding their vote - not appearing
on either side - would be counted out by the Clerk
as though they were for the time absent from the Mission.
Should this not succeed Dr. Dewey started one advo
this should the three Stations choose to assemble their action
counted official & valid so far as the three (stations) are concerne
Our Mission is too large to gather in one pla
under present conditions & times, but we three sh
might meet and so have more wisdom & judgment combi
We are sorry to hear of Dr. Dewey's sudden decline in hea
Miss Knapp too is quite poorly indeed & we start her off
this early season for such a journey with no little apprehension
Yesterday evening we heard through Consul Yel. that
Underwoods had started; so they will reach Erzm quite
as soon as he can most likely. As usual this Gov
says it has no order for me, so can give me no papers
travel but will furnish me with an officer & gotten
quite Erzm well as to me so there be no trouble. We'll see!
I am sending copy of my Report to Dr. Michael Burkham
for St. Louis, C. E. friends, together with brief letter. Though
I answered their letter over a year since it was mu
like noiseless, as well as smokeless powder, since I
not seen or heard whether it reached them or not!
Others of our Circle about in usual health & join
in greetings from the East. Though the vote for our daughter Mia

Mrs. Cole possibly to accompany her) carried unanimously in the Mission they are to hold annual meeting (over)

Dr. Barton -

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Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 30th, 1902.

Our dear Friends:-

Since our last communication there has been a decided set back in the season that at one time gave so much promise of an early spring. Much of the time, and especially for over two weeks, there has been heavy rain with no little admixture of hail, snow & sleet with thunder & lightning for an accompaniment. Hence our well matured plans to start with Miss Knapp towards the coast via Erzroum the 23d inst. till May 1st when we shall see what Providence & weather may indicate as to us, for poorly as Miss K. is we cannot brave roads & weather too much lest her strength not hold out to the coast.

On the 20th & 25th insts. snow shovels came into requisition for cleaning off the roofs - the fresh snowfall each time being about three inches. We took comfort, however, in the fact that it was not cold till after the last fall when we had heavy frosts for two nights - the ground freezing so we fear the earlier fruits of the season will have been damaged, as blossoms were out.

Meanwhile telegrams from Trebizond & Erzroum tell us our new associates, the Underwoods, left the former place last Thursday, the 24th. Fearing lest they might have a hard time from such setback in the weather I really not daring to start out with one in Miss K's poor health, we struck a Tel. to Treb. as a note of warning as to roads & weather in case they chose to delay at E. Still this weather mixture may not reach the coast & so their journey fine. Only for Miss K's so poor health we should hoped to have been at E. on time.

Finding some difficulty in securing attendant with language Miss Ruth Parmelee writes our Mamie she is coming on to E. & so return with Miss Knapp. Going with mollahs over such heavy roads we may not reach E. much before 10th day. We had clear sky enough to have fine view of total eclipse of the moon the 26th at 10 P.M., but such lunaliirregularity may have effected our weather.

We had a pleasant variety in a visit of three days from Rev. Messrs. Labaree & Sterrett of the Persia American missionary force - they being on their way southward to visit their Mission work among the mountain Nestorians. They encountered such a cutting snowfall for fifteen minutes three hours out as call for need to walk to warm up. Mr. L. rode here in baskets with his parents who attended meeting of E.T. here over 32 years ago - he being some 6 years old. They both interested our people & us all greatly on Sunday in telling of the work being carried forward by their Mission both in W. Persia & in Turkey. In the latter are 30 churches - four of them self-supporting - with over 50 Liras contributed by the poor people. But they, too, are finding it increasingly difficult to secure helpers to take up such work among these same Kourdish Mts. Mr. L. was a whole five months there last year without letters or papers.

On Saturday, the firts day of native Pastor we had a duplex wedding in our chapel since the Gregorian rule, as practiced the last two years would not brook a wedding, tho the Abbot did not object to our tying the knot; the two brides were from our orphans & the young men, tho refugees now live in town. Friends may be interested in knowing that our Consul here has ferreted out that the writer's name & a Mr. Crow, acting vice-consul here when I left for U.S. were mixed at Cons/le & so it was construed he was a civilian official. To be sure both the names have Cs & os in them. If they do not sound much alike. He is allowed no papers to go to E. but in place of protest an officer & zabtieh are assigned him for surveillance & of course safety! while our Vali promises a letter to E. Vali.

Cordially to all,

Watchman.

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Bitlis, April 30. 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Only time to say that Miss M. Ely and I plan starting with Miss Knapp in the morning to go with her as far as Erzrum. She is so poorly Miss E. felt she must come along too. Mr. Stapleton kindly offers to take her from Erzrum to Erzeb. We hope she will stand the so hard journey to Erzrum this early in the season and beyond there she can go on wheels, and the Parnelee's daughter has come on as sort of interpreter for the Underwoods as far as Erzrum, and will return with Miss Knapp. It seems a mistake that Dr. Ussher who saw he could do little to help her while under his charge at Van as also for the three weeks previous while he was in B., he did not decide she should leave for her mother last autumn when she would not have come down where she now is. Still we must hope for the best, trusting the change will help her. You may be interested in knowing that Consiple has not let up a jot or tittle to allowing liberty of my traveling. The vali said he had no order as to me but for all I was forbidden to travel he should not hinder me, and would even send escort with me & tel. Erzrum vali as to me so I not get into trouble. We shall see how it turns. But Watchmans inclosure gives most of the news

and I need not repeat here.

By the way I hope no more boxes for Bitlis will come via Syria but let them be sent the old route via Constpl unless special order be sent to cover some special cases. Perhaps you will speak across the corner to Treas, Higgin to this effect, and I am sending a note to Mr. Swett also on this point.

Hastily Yours

R. M. Cole

Boston, Apr 30, 1902

Bitters, Apr. 30, 1902

Bliss with the Board and I will install it myself. Dr. Barton D.D. fixed the price for her. Dr. Barton; — My pen is quicker than my Bliss. I run down the hage when I am in a rush.

On our return from Urfa a few days since I found yours of Apr. 29th in which you speak of Mrs. Knapp's house matter & consular question. There is also a letter from Mrs. K. on the matter of Apr. 25th.

Yes, as Mrs. K. knows, and I supposed would have informed you, has sent from the ladies — their two salaries affording the same amount for the two (£ T. 15) that any of us missionaries have with the children they may have to call for more rooms, and we learn from Miss Mary Ely this day it has been sent forward in due course, which is the proper thing of course as you hint. As to what should be price of house I prefer not to decide it, or rather attempt it per intersessional vote but why not let a sum say $2,000.00 be paid her, but actual price be fixed perhaps when a meeting be held here at a future time.

As for the consular question, Mr. Stapleton wrote about it, I was not he did not wish the official much but Mr. Bergholz in keeping with U.S. policy, did not like it because in application to him we innocently spoke of comfort such an official would be to Yes as well as ourselves & be a restraint would be disturbers of the peace. All in usual health & join greetings while Nathaniel has his say. Hastily, informally. Yr

R. M. Cooley

Butte, May 31st 89

Bitlis, Turkey via Constple
July 8. 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Not long after our arrival from Erzroum Dr. Underwood & I went to Mush city & region for a short visit where we passed our Sabbath. I had plans of separating from the party en route from Erz to visit M. then leaving Dr. U. to see the mom hat-weaver for safety & Miss U. Ely the language for necessity on that score; but the latter especially, as also Miss Knapp did not approve, so I saw them on here when he, too, came over with me to see the region & be comfort in other ways. He is true a pleasant & promising young brother beloved our older son Fred. the New York lawyer, by two years. He would almost equal the veteran in living on native food & roughing it generally on the way. How much I might say of this trip if it were prudent. Things are rather more quiet though our hearts bleed for poor Sosay the innocent not yet out, and for most of the men of our Mogounk village near M. that seem as innocent. There are two or three communicants of the church sent on to our B. & Serb prisons for whom we can do very little. Poor Sosay gave birth within those prison walls to her second son some 25 days ago

and only 2½ months after the death of his dear little bro. we baptized in such surroundings last Dec. We did think of baptizing this one but the father & mother felt so aggrieved that she was thus held on they decided to leave it for the present at least. Our hope has been to rebuild our burnt chapel known as sch. house with the Govt. but held in my name, as I have written you in the past, and perhaps for the present at least let the expense rest on the heavy Bal. long in our hands here as looking to purchase of property of a Round here through the wall of our house rented of the B. Prob. people. Seems to me I have written you on this point, as also Mr. Peet. If you should so approve of our taking £ J. 75-100 on this a/c you might telegraph or write me "Yes," as soon as possible when we would see to making ready lumber just at this fitting time and later make something ready so we might have a rallying place for that so interesting Prob. work as it was previous to last years desolation. Though few men of the village are at present outside of prison walls, & most of them condemned for 10 or 15 years confinement, their families are thus as prey to such immoral landsharks as was the one who outraged the one now in prison with S., & who claims to have killed the culprit herself in revenge; and so

we would rear a bulwark like the old as a refuge for those who would come into the ark of safety themselves in some Ch. Ped. organization. Think it over & act as promptly as may if we might do something this year.

Back from M. Dr. H. I think of a ride across the lake in a native boat so he can confer somewhat with Dr. Ussher before setting up practice here. He has not a language yet naturally for such a trip, so I may go with him. The house we have secured for them is one one of the first missionaries here a Mr. Burbank & family occupied for seven years. It is some four minutes from us & with repairs will serve them fairly well they as well as we think both for his medical as well as other work as a family residence.

Thanks for your & the Committee's kindness in the Consular question & as to Mrs. C & your daughters permission to come to America. Erzum U.S. Consul now writes me the State Dept writes they do not deem it best to take up to the B. Consulate question at present which shelves it of course just as might be expected certainly with the foreign policy of our Gov't. If they can do nothing or will do nothing to force through liberation or pardon of Sosay wholly an American employee who was taken off by the police from the very door of an American (half of house at M. built in my name) then what use in keeping con-

in this land as if to look after American interests! Our Legation has not instructed the Eng. Ambassador rather requested him to look after such interests here, nor has the Porte been instructed on the matter; so the other day our Vali objected to listening to a request from the Consul here through his cavass to furnish a zabtieh. When I went in person he granted my request & in place of one gave Dr. U. & me 3 zabtiehs for us. But I have to say there seems no watching done over us now. Yes, only that Dr. R. belt perhaps Mt. was not indorsing the idea he would have come on to Erz. we should had the E. T. Legum mb meeting, as you suggest. Under conditions and taxing regular appros to pay ann. meeting expense I doubt if the whole mission as such will make old-time success of the meetings, tho these three stations can at light expense partly on touring & on personal manage a few of us to get together, as some of us are so often doing, while Mt. seems largely a body by itself, anyway.

I see you speak as though you would be interested in a report as to our Em trip. No, we had no annoyance from officials tho the three zabtiehs put with us for the round trip by Govt. cost us not a little. As late years there seems so little use for Bibles here in our Soc. publications it seems hardly worth while to take your or our time in amplifying.

and so personally I do little, as you see, besides briefs, much of it under the sobriquet of Watchman, which does not take long to read. You saw from that copy of Watchman how near the writer came to a strike with his old people there in Aya when they seemed (certain few of them) to snub the resident missionary but how gracefully they yielded. Mr. Stapleton seems to have many good points but is put up a bit in the rush boisterous style that does not always leave him in the best light before natives. We were sorry to see that he does not seem to have given sufficient importance to independence in the new language tho I brought him out somewhat in the various meetings of the day. Sab. It was hardly at the situation there I felt it would been well if the van delegate could been there so we might have assumed some official status in what we said. We hope, however, as it was the frank talks we had and some letters written since our return a little good may have been accomplished, for the brother seems quite ready & desirous of advice. It was to me a rare occasion after the old people yielded & consented to Mr. S. taking his place beside me in the pulpit to preach to them, baptize 21 of their children (my grandchildren as it were) and receive as many into the church, meet

the young men in a special meeting, two of them from Erzingan & whom, as our spiritual children, we (Mrs. C. & myself) may be said to have begotten in the Lord. Both of them are efficient employes - one a colporteur & the other general agent for purchases, &c, in Sepin City. How cogitations arise & how much I might say of my few strolls about town; of the lonely one I took up upon the hillside to visit our precious graves there, pull aside for the moment memory's backward glance over what dark experiences found for us those days. But not tarrying even there I retreated after catching with my Camera some of the shadows to bring along.

As looking to Mrs. Knapp's house sent you did not see anything in the Estimates; nor did you for ours - such items for all the missionaries being including in their salary allowance - for me £ T. 15 that we pay all out & a little more, as rent & the Elys send on to Mrs. Knapp we suppose as I wrote you. Their one salary & Miss Knapp's used to be £ T. 75 but later the rent 7½ £ for each (15 £ for two same as for us & our children) was added, as I understand it. But the other day* Miss M. Ely was speaking as though she took the 7½ to be so much additional to actual salary. It would been better if as formerly it had been put down salary & rent separately.

Excuse this hasty letter. All in usual health &c

R. M. C.

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Bitter, July 29/02

Dear Dr. Barton;

Back from Van & have along certain observations of Watchman, & hasten off these few lines in nature of personal in view of news of 27th at hand this last post. If it be hasty scratch it will have the virtue of promptness. Then again ask after matters at Van & Mr. S. in particular. You know something of one other erotchety specimen Mob. Aghajanian of that people. Of course he wished me, as he had Mr. Parnelee & Dodd on his visit up there few years back to take sides with him and his few abettors against Mr. S. But I felt he so exaggerated matters I could not do so. I had an hours talk with Miss Lord (whom you knew formerly) as to matters & found the ladies & Mr. S. seemed fairly in harmony & she too felt the people were cruel as Mr. S. I talked frankly with Mr. & Mrs. S. tho as he was about leaving to take Miss Knapp to Tabriz his wife wished me to write him on certain points making use of fatherly suggestions. This I have done & he seems to have taken it in a kind, brotherly spirit. As you say, he is earnest but has not always been discreet in every respect

and who of us has? But he has learn
lessons from the past, so we hope for a better fu
for him. Naturally it is very bad to leave su
a young man alone in the hands of such a fa
& work where highest experience & wisdom find
it quite hard enough. So far as policy
goes & careful use of the Boards funds
seems to me he is much safer than some of
those have preceded him in that station field.
He does not seem to feel sufficiently the importa
of better knowledge of the language which now
means not a few sorts of misunderstanding
between him & the people. He has rather a brisk
dashy, jocose way that I feel him may compromise
him in the estimate of natives rather obtuse in such things
He writes in a right spirit on the hints given & I am hoping
Many thanks for kind information you give us to an
lamented Dr. Denney. We at B. feel rather lonesom
to have such a firm, sympathizing stay taken fro
us when we of those early times are coming to be a
few. I had in mind to write more carefully a
to several matters but have not time to day & so
pass on this much in company with Watchmen
that may have interest. I wish to back up or retract
what I may have said before as to the field & importance
of having another clerical missionary as soon as sui
be - all of this in view of our already beloved Dr.
Underwood's first impressions of the being children & which
so well corroborate with what I have said in the past.

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British Vice-Consulate,

Bitlis, August 9, 1902.

Dear Mr. Cole,

The address of cordial congratulation and good wishes that you left with me this evening puts a charming finishing touch to the friendly feeling which you and all the American colony in Bitlis showed in honouring this consulate with your presence on the day of the Coronation of their Majesties King Edward and Queen Alexandra. I beg you all to accept my warment thanks, and I hope it may not be amiss if as a British subject I express the firm conviction that the generous sympathy shown by President Roosevelt and the

people of the United States during the King's late illness, and their warm-hearted participation in the rejoicings of the British Empire in consequence of his recovery and of the peace that came to bless his Coronation, have caused a depth of feeling which is of the happiest augury for the future.

Very sincerely yours;

F G Freeman

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Bitlis, Aug. 12. 1902

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Perceiving that Dr. Underwood is sending a light letter to Mr. Wiggin I am tempted to make it a little heavy by inserting a line fr. them to pass across the corner to you.

We are all in usual health & only that our little American Colony thought important to do honor to King Edward's day & Coronation day that the vice Consul here was observing I should been among the villages again last Sab, tho as it was I baptized several children fr this ch. that day (here) and may go to the Khlat villages fr next Sab. Perhaps I may enclose the Consul's note.

You will have a kind of interest in knowing that the Inspector of Sch. or the Gov. one or both have fabricated another falsehood about Cole. This time he distributes unauthorized tracts, takes photos of orphans to circulate among Armenians fr purpose of collecting contributions! All of which is wholly calumny trumped up in hopes our Minister at Constple may be persuaded and so Cole be "fired" as was Mr. Knapp. This in brief, as another section of the Cole chapter that you may be tired of, if not so I am.

Dr. Underwood intended adding a supplement to his impressions on this and possibly a little of the Van field in contrast which was marked from Van in our late five days visit there. But that seems delayed yet.

We expect Dr. Ussher this evening or early in morning to work with our Dr. U. in operating on a rich Kourd's son for a stone for which they are to have fifty liras (50) the money having been deposited with me in the safe away. We moved to camp 600 feet higher than town up among the mts some ten days since but are down in town four days because of the Coronation celebration observance. We are about returning to camp again, though I am down about every day.

We are all in usual health and usual tranquility prevails in these hearts.

How sadly we miss Dr. Dewey from the ranks! I forgot to say in referring to our matters on the point of expenditures that you felt anxious as to Mr. Stapleton seemed desirous of saving the Board's funds what he could, but the girls' sch building had been taken down & must be rebuilt while the High sch. one has damaged not a little. Had there been segment and meeting there early enough such

Dr. Wingate & wife have done a good work there & they have saved many lives

OCT 13 1902
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Bitlis, Turkey via Erzerum
Sept. 16. 1902

C. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

In acknowledging your kind letter of the 9th ult. at hand by a recent weekly post I would say I regret if I failed to speak of rent that is sent Mrs. Knapp on her house, and if I did so suppose it has become that is a matter between the boys and her. I was not very well informed. I learn that they do remit her 20 yd every year but how much she surely must know. It is not a question that has ever come before our station. When I was here alone I rented her house to the Eng. vice-consul for £30 the year & perhaps a little more - am not sure. The Lord prosper your efforts to close the year without a debt for the dear old Board. - We are glad to think our two daughters at least may have the benefit of the presence of the ann. meeting of the Board in Oct. tho our elder one may not be able to attend many of the meetings since for more than a year she has had to drop study because of the state of her health.

Yes, news as to Miss Knapp's health is very discouraging. Drs. Underwood did not go into her case very carefully at Erz. as she was booked for the homeland & as many doctors anyway; but they felt very doubtful as to her early return to the field.

Urgent one enclosing this to Mr. Miggard that he may assist in his work & right across the Corner from your recall

on learning more fully as to her through letters Dr. H. expressed the fear that her cough & failure to assimilate properly her food may indicate quick consumption! We sincerely hope the family, our Circle & the work are to be spared this affliction. She has not been of the temperament to cheerily take to life in this land late years, which has made it all the harder for her to rally no doubt. Such a condition of things should lead you good friends at the Rooms to push all the harder to secure as soon as may be a new female teacher & worker for woman in this field as soon as possible & what better place to pick her up than at this same Oberlin where you are to be at the meeting soon before this letter may arrive! If a party were to come to Central S. Mission or our Marash late this fall we could bring her up if she came. We looks have regretted the Ely sister, as well as Miss Knapp herself did not seem to feel stress the question of this other lady asked for when Miss K's question came before the mission meeting years since as I have before written. Work for woman has suffered not a little and bids fair to all the more, tho Miss K. is not one for outside work, but the status of the Elys hardly warrants their traveling much. However you will at Boston consider all these matters naturally & we trust do so without waiting to see how it turns with Miss K. Yes, it would seem P. has no small need for a L. S. Consul, Still, as things go - our L. S. policy - for our work & native agents they do very little.

You ask as to the Bal. on "Grants in Aid".
As our Bal. Sheet sent Mr. Higgin shows we had last June 20th a Cr. Bal. of £ 527.40. This has come about as follows. There was first voted £300.00 as looking to purchase of much desired property of a Round here so as to improve mission premises so the Elys might have the fender-board in front of their only window in their old sitting room that affords an open view, the removal said board having been put up in the ancient time lest some one see some of the Rs wives from the window! and it was also to improve the parsonage occupied by the Ceolas, as also enlarge the school premises not a little. Perceiving the 300 would not be enough for the much needed purchase Dr. Raynold & others advocated 200.00 more & so this was voted for us.

But perceiving the Round was holding it at quite too high a price we long since about gave up thought of this purchase - for the R. took advantage in the price. - £100 was later voted on a second chapel or possibly 75.00; not all this was expended as the people did not come forward in doing their part. Besides such depletion in our Prot. ranks from emigration & recent conditions did not warrant building the 2d chapel, tho unfortunately the site was purchase at a much higher price than it would now bring even if we could sell it. As most of the £ 50 was the Board's we recently had the lot put over in my name.

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During our visit in America the time before the last we Cooles had £50 or more passed us (some of it in connection with lectures on Missions we gave in which pressed flowers & other curios of ours were purchased) under stipulation we Cooles use it to make our house more comfortable, &c. 37.50 was left over on this old Chapel allowance that like the above amts. poses in the Bal. Then too, 175.00 was voted for Woman's work - the Ehys thinking to purchase a building to make use of in the Head Ward of this city for sort of Training Class for Bible readers. But times have been such that, too, rests in the Bal. unexpended.

Such in fine, gives a glimpse, hasty tho it be, of this Bal. We try to see that the Bal. is not a catch-all for improper charges & so hold it about up to the standard, as you see. But considering the destruction that raged at noon day" in that Mogoumbe - carrying off the Chapel known as Sch. House in my name, I thought you would approve of a modest expenditure there as a rallying point for that Prob. village. However time is so far over for building this year all I plan to do now is to have a sort of store room that was beside the Chapel put up at slight expense to serve for Sch. & prayer place when after hearing from you by letter we can see to reinstating in the Spring the other larger building for some 75 - 100 £s. We must not run too much risk at first lest again it be burned but sort of feel our way along.

All in usual health & Schs opening fairly well

Yrs ever faithfully
R. M. Cole

Rotuma, Sept. 16, 1902

17 1902
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Bitlis, Sept. 23d. 1902

Dear Bro. Barnum;

So far as our record goes I owe no one letters over yonder ~~though they~~ may not all have come through. But with you we hardly feel to keep a balance in that line; as your hand is older than mine that serves one about as well as ever save it cramps if I hold the pen too long. I sometimes tease our Mamie of 16 years by saying See how much steadier I can carry a cup of coffee than you!

Herewith we hand you the Ainslie vote with remarks as to it by the acting Stated Clerk. Most likely it will not carry and what one has of this nature in E. T. late years anyway! It seems to me high time delinquents, whether male or female, were brought to say Yea or Nay or be ignored in the count just as tho on the near side of the Atlantic. Our Dr. H. has not been here a year, so does not vote. It may seem a little strange that any of us should say Yea when Mr. A. of Mardin, where Mr. A. could return, says Nay! This writer had some such thoughts as these to influence him. It was ominous that Dr. Shown did not vote, pretty clear evidence one would think he was not ready to say Nay. It seemed to me the quotations given by Stated Clerk from Mr. A's letters show an excellent spirit & readiness for work. Mr. A. was not altogether a success in turning work of the field' we, it is said, while M. needs the all-round man that can turn to anything' we; that would be a hard thing to find.

Bitlis, Sept. 16, 1902

Was even our wonderful so lamented Dr. Dewey a success in village work? I thought not from its being hard for him physically & partly he could not conform well to such a life. If Mr. A. is a successful preacher, one that carries along the people both in Turkey & America then is not that in his favor for the return? He was sometime in Mosul & we heard nothing against him, but know not what his associate, Mr. McDowell, now says of him. We twelve were guests at his house & table during Ann's meeting at M. during his early years in the field and could not help feeling that there was more north in him than his own station seemed to recognize; it was a question if they brought him forward as much as they should. Of course he has learned not a little by experience & has gone well forward in the language so he could don the harness for work at once in Mis so very needy condition. Even if he were to come out for a season presumably there would be no call for new outfit as the Larkin & Dewey things must largely be on hand. In view of all these things why not give the worthy bro. another trial, we say, - ergo, my signature on the affirmative side. So far from delaying the coming of another man as the clerk fears, might not this "successful preacher" as he calls Mr. A. so quicken the churches & people as to arrest more attention as looking to enlargement. May the Lord's will be met in all these things! Certain it is humble earnest, teachable workers are the crying demands in all these fields. Cordially R. M. Cole

Confidential

Dear Dr. Barton;-

The post is called for & all I can add is just a word to accompany what I wrote Dr. Barnum of Apt on the Ainslie vote matter, if you care to see how the voting matter seems to look. It looks as though you at Boston might have to rule that delinquents be counted outside the mission in summing up votes - perhaps allowing the majority to settle a question; for as it is hardly anything carries. All in usual health & things moving on as usual. Gave yesterday a bit

A panic took place in market by the b
of a leading Sheikh stabbing the son of one
the most fanatic Ks in town - the son a
while drawing his revolver & firing fou
bire shots the did not hit. The now
be murderer is under arrest & his fa
feel the stabbed man will recover & as m
are quieting down though more soldiers a
patrol lest the fanatical Ks & Sheikh's parties
to square this case of revenge.
The Underwoods started up living & eating
their own house yesterday

Yours &c
R. M. Be

Beirut, Sept 23/02

Bitlis, Oct. 25th 1902

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.:

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Erzroum tel. of this date gives us the sad news we feared might come,- that Dr. Parmelee too, like our Dr. Dewey has entered into rest; and, as I was so long & intimately associated with him in Erzroum, it seems fitting we give our testimony to the good man's deed, as also condole with that so demolished family.

I recall his visit to Bangor Seminary in '68 to advise with the Board's only two new recruits of the year for foreign service, the late Rev. J. E. Pierce & the writer, and how kindly he answered the many questions we plied him with, and how thoughtfully he advised us as to needed preparation for the long journey & the new to be home in far off E.

We came together again in a large party of 16 to sail from N.Y. City Aug. 15th 1868, and took a whole 14 days in crossing over to London. Of that large party nearly half have passed "over the river" and he is the last up to date, so far as we now know.

Though Dr. P. has for some years been in Sred from the demand of complication there, that he knew & could settle as none other could, and he came connected with the N. E. Mission, we think of him as more an E. E. man-he having been a longer time with our Mission.

Dr. P. has had a long & useful missionary life till

nearly seventy years had been rounded out.
He was a man of excellent parts - more than ordinary ability.
He was a scholarly & careful pen, as seen in the books that have come from his hand; he had a good, safe missionary policy, and was careful & conscientious in use of funds committed to him; was eager & enthusiastic to see the work go forward, even though care for it in the outside field might call for his leaving home when weakness there might have led others to excuse themselves.

Dr. P. was the son of a worthy & well known minister of the gospel in Vermont in the early years, and aside from opportunities at study and reading in his life at home took up printing-office work for a time, took along a small press & (whether during those early years he occasionally struck off a small publication for special friends under the name of "Whipps from Ararat" and some of us Yankees lent a hand in the enterprise, the prudence sets that aside long ago.

We of E. T., and especially of these northern stations shall miss the brother greatly. His worthy family down by the sea, for being near neighbors we were in frequent postal communication & had choice visits with them in passing through. Alas that such frequent & serious depletion in our ranks is taking place of late. He at the north & Dr. Dewey down south have stepped out so suddenly & who is to take their places! Men die but the work must go on, and may the Lord of the harvest raise up workers for all these needy fields!

We are glad to see from what you write our Dr. Ll. this Rob you & the Com^ee have this matter in mind and let us hope for rich results.

I have more than once spoken of the great need there was for the new lady teacher asked for along with Miss K. away back at that Ahl. anl. meeting of E. Y. years ago & emphasized it by calling attention to Miss Knapp's decline in health that is anything but assuring we hear. It may not be out of place for us to say here that in view of Miss K's low condition - much worse than when she left B. obviously - both her mother & bro. at Ahl. cast serious reflection on our station for not sending her home before! After she had been so long in Dr. Ussher's care here & at Van it naturally fell to him to make up the verdict as to her case, but perceiving on her return from Van she was no better we let volunteered some hints as to whether she had better not go to America ere winter approached & when it was later I even spoke of taking her via So. route we took all of which may have seemed officious on our part at the time since she seemed very desirous of staying till spring and go out via the Erzroum route. Still from long experience & no little knowledge of medicine I sort of assumed in a measure the role of a Dr. and by watching her symptoms sought to advise her as to need of more nourishment, &c. as though

she were our own daughter, and the Ely sisters, too, as well as Mrs. Cole, our Mamie & Ida did all in our power for her & feel no blame attaches to us. Latest letters from her & her mother make her out to be a little better. though to my mind there is little hope she will be able to return to her post in B. and you should face such a contingency.

But I had in mind to tell you something of an interesting tour of nine days Miss M. A. C. Ely & I have made to the Marsh regions where we ended our various meetings with Communion & baptism in three places on the Sab. and the poor, disconsolate people seemed much encouraged. The baptism was in M. and was of another baby boy son of late teacher of girls sch. there but who is in durance vile, still as you know; but the poor mother could not come to place of our service while neither she nor the young father wished to have us go to prison to baptize it as we did the other; perhaps I wrote that the other nice little boy we baptized did not survive such prison conditions, as likely may be true for this, & died! Pray for this so afflicted family, & tho' she be freed.

I might tell you of a lively tilt we had with a policeman an hour & half from M. on our way home & how he managed unexpectedly to rifle my pocket during the affray, as if to bring out a letter passed me to mail for America. But I will leave this & some other matters for separate sheet, possibly for Watchman.

All in usual health.
As ever, R. M. Cole

HARRY WADE HICKS

Barnes, Oct. 25, 1902

Confidential

Bitlis Nov. 4th 1902

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I am going to ask you for a brief side talk in view partly from the sad news that has reached us as Dr. Parmelee of Zeitun who seems to have passed away soon after a surgical operation in hospital at Beyrout Syria. This sad affliction leaves Zeitun open again you see and what is to be done for it and the property of the Board. It is a principle I know that the place should seek the man and not the man the place. But familiar as we are in this confidential way I might enter the confessional and say (what Mrs. B. thought of writing you only that she has some head ache to-day and no time should be lost in what is to be said and done) that here after thirty four years of nearing foreign missionary service in the interior of such a land as this under varying conditions most serious naturally fell weary of it at times and wonder if it be not the Lord's will that we have a change to somewhat easier conditions. Not only does it come all the harder to tour the

field, but it is so hard to all the time be meeting obstacles on the part of Govt. Of course it may be quite as bad for those who might follow as we, but they would be younger ~~men~~ and not feel it as much for a time as do we. Could it not be arranged that we go down to the coast - say at Erbd. ~~for us to~~ and take out the closing part of our campaign in Turkey? You know Erbd was formerly a part of our old Erzm field and I have worked not a little during the early years in those regions & know the field & people well. Of course there would be no heavy expense to transfer us there - perhaps we going on with our daughter Mary E. we must see off for the home land where the coming season; nor should we need more things for outfit than the Darnelles have most likely whose price in part at least would be covered by something realized on what we have here # By that time (say by June) Drs Underwood & the Sly sister would be able to get along till you got out for them the young missionary you seem kindly working for.

This much for our plea which we hope you will not call cheek well as you know us & what we have been through with these years. Hastily yr R M C

Bitlis, Nov. 4, 1902.

Nov 17 - 1902

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Extracts from the Diary of Mr. Cole on his Tour to Moush .

Insert here matter at bottom of second page.

Nov. 14. Consul and I took horseback ride to Manig village of 40 houses, six of which have been burnt and the people have scattered, were two stray cats there to bewail the fate of the place. Some few persons killed - four at least - and near that number at Dalasev, another deserted village smaller, that we did not visit. We touched at Mogounk and rode among the ruins of the 30 burnt houses there, among them Protestant Chapel and parsonage, and old Armenian church.

Nov. 15. Continuation of sickening rehearsals of how Mogounk people fared, some 40 of the men being condemned to ten and fifteen years imprisonment as if they had not only killed the notorious black leg sheriff but that they had turned round and burnt their own houses!

Nov. 17. Pleasant Sabbath services at Havadorik though school and preacher's house occupied by soldiers whose chief Hakki Ef, Captain of fifty, is kind to the people and it didn't seem wise to attempt to turn them out under present conditions. His soldiers numnered seventy. I baptized about a score of children at time of Communion on Sabbath.

Nov. 20. This day ere I got back ~~to the court~~ from Havadorik where I went to marry a couple, the court opened and in presence of the two consuls, Russian and English, poor Sosay condemned to five years' in walled town. The next day, with her young husband and a few witnesses, went to prison under police escort as per order obtained from Cons'ple, as said, and baptized poor Sosay's little Hagop nearly a year old. The poor mother cried as though heart would break and it was hard for us all even the police set to watch in our presence.

Nov. 22nd. Off for home and for all the critical situation, Consul cannot be persuaded to hold on here - to the discouragement of Christians, for he seems to feel loyalty to his superior would not warrant it ; by loyalty to superior I mean at C. for Consul Lamb feels otherwise.

Dec. 1st. When opened to Gov't Acting Vali the question of my tour to Akhlat and Boulanonk, "he must ask the Vali (still at Moush) he said, tho I said my plans necessitated my starting the second day so as to meet appointment for the Sabbath at Protestant village Aghagh. Hearing the reply might not be on time, again I sent official written statement as to when and whither were my intentions. Friday night before I was to set out on Saturday morning, the official sent word I had permit and that zabtiehs two would be on hand. Aside from these a Captain of Fifty mounted before we were out of town and followed as spy if not protector all the way round. We arrived here on eleventh day, the 30th, in time for New Years."

(Signed) R. M. Cole.

Nov. 12. Took long dismal walk in evening to see Governor on behalf of Sosay, former Moush city girls' teacher. Amid the darkness and mud we found ourselves near the prison where the poor teacher was, and at her husband's suggestion stepped to the door to see her, though unwisely, as I then feared and hinted to him might be.

Nov. 13. As it was public and two consuls were attending I went to listen to trial of Sosay. Her lawyers feared to speak out and the interpreter for her and the Turkish language, a Catholic lawyer, also did not translate fully all she said. Fifteen Christian prisoners sent to B _ _ _ _.

Nov. 16. Saw Vali and Muteserrif (both Governors) again as to Sosay's case, but they claim it not their department, but that of the court, tho the former promised to write C. for a pardon should the case turn adverse. Consul sent second long telegram much of it as looking to Sosay and American interests.

describing Tour to Norwich

Rec'd DEC 30 1902

Ans'd DEC 31 1902

Confidential

Dear Mr. Barton

I have been somewhat
Circulars to friends it may
be amiss to insert a copy for
n to let you know of our status
ce that was typed later letter have
e from Miss Knapp, which look
es more hopeful though we see
mother, who is pretty safe authority
uch matters, says very little.
any thanks for yours of 7th & 24th
. I note what you say of rumors
the papers as to Mouah regions,
most such get out at the hands
uch ones as seem to think they are
ving their race & country in scattering

broadcast what they themselves do not believe often times without doubt.

Thank you for reminding me of the Feb. new report. Would you kindly let me know just how late it would do to send it on - would Aug. or Sept. do, as you speak of making up your report then? Winter, in any case, is a bad time to get at such tabulation from the outstations but a little more time might obviate it somewhat. Owing to the blight of so many & so many difficulties in our employees giving us proper tabulation when even our own letters are often opened, is the reason we have been remiss so long, while we also thought old tabulation, if not too wide from the mark, might suit your purpose quite as well.

But if I might be pardoned for saying it you formerly of our E.C. number perhaps I might hint that so far as we know Bittis reports or no reports we seem utterly buried so far as the Herald appears to us (if anything is published & does not reach us on the account, that is another thing.) Of course you are very kind personally to our Station, and only in your frequent letters we should not know that any of our missives as a Station reach the outside world. It does seem a little strange considering the lonesness late years, the public has to hear missionaries at the Boards meetings Dr. Strong should find nothing from the Bittis pens worth his notice. If they do not seem encouraging, sparkling things to size up from this way, it might, perhaps, be counted something that we trig the wheels on this steep up-grade of present conditions so the gospel car not retrograde into the slough altogether. It would seem that from the not scanty ma-

terial sent on from various B. papers th
might see a word now & then north a
in the Herald so friends not write u
doubt as to whether B. is being held
to since they see nothing in the Herald
Excuse my boldness in thus writing, fo
am not speaking simply for self, or it wo
be quite out of place. - - - -

Thank God that the Board's treasury closed
year with a small Bal. Cr! We yet hav
no news as to the meeting at Cherlin be
what appears in the long list sent to unde
noods, and what our daughters wrote of th
rich feast. We hope the local paper may reach
later giving full reports of the meeting
Thanks for the pleasant words you give us as
our daughters; & they too, were delighted at mee
you & other officers of the Board, & did so enjoy th
meetings - 'a feast of fat things' to their souls.
Do push the matter of a new missionary for B. b
between you & me Dr. M. much as we like him
& strong physically, as appears more of late,
seems to spare himself even in his own departm
having been so long without doctors we take k
pretty well how to take care of ourselves & persog
can endure more than some of younger years, I
"well preserved" as others say - not showing my
my hand being as steady with the pen as in
days - hoary locks not being much in evidence.

Hastily, Sincerely (over) R. M. C

Rec'd JAN 27 1903

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople
Dec. 20th 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

It was only a few posts back that I was giving you some memorial testimony as to our friend & former associate at Erzroum the late Rev. M. P. Parmelee, M.D. of Trebizond recent years. Very striking & complimentary testimony for the man is also given by the preacher of Ordu I think he is, for some twenty-five years, & where I met him - it being an article contributed to a late number of the Herald.

But this post came a letter from Mrs. N. H. Bell announcing the sudden death of her husband once missionary at Mardin, as you probably know.

He and I were not only classmates but were room mates & like brothers for some six years at Amherst College, at Princeton & Bangor Semys graduating together from the latter Theol. Semy in 1868. Having no brother of his own he made me that virtually and used to speak of us as David & Jonathan! We have ever been in frequent correspondence and to that he attributed such special interest in the foreign missionary work as brought him out to Mardin, where, unfortunately, he only could stay some two years because of failure in health of his wife. Previous to that time he had successful pastorates

in different places, while soon after his return to America he was taken up by the Pres. Home Missionary Soc. I think it was, as pastor at large in a part of the State of Minnesota, in which position he was a success as is evidenced from the fact that his charge was enlarged, & his salary increased. He used to contrast his methods of touring with mine in this land but did long that we might be together in some tour of this land as he read my letters of experiences here. His last letter to me, if not the last to any one, was dated only six days before he had the attack of slow or 'progressive apoplexy' as they called it, as he was speeding along by cars & approaching the place where he was to speak, per appointment. This was the 27th Sept. He was partially conscious for only two hours though did not breathe his last till the 30th.

This last letter before me makes him out to be in rather unusually good health & he speaks rather jocosely of how he is "hustling" about touring, in place of our hardying out in this so staid land. Still, if one were to believe in premonitions of what was so near words in his before me looks like it. "I never read your touring letters without a feeling of regret that we were not permitted to take some tours together, and enjoy together some of the wild rugged scenery we both love" - - -

In speaking of the Everlasting hills about my old

home in northern New Hampshire where he came to pass a college vacation with me, he says. A thousand times have come back to me those delightful scenes near your old home. I see Stark nestled between the mountains in quiet beauty. God all around. I see the old home & recall the faces that are gone some to see God in his beauty & some to labor far away in his vineyard. Such is life—having no continuing city but we seek one to come. I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, &c. "I hope for that city which hath foundation whose builder & maker is God".

His invalid wife had so much care he was afraid she might break down "utterly" and so they had made plans to give up the old home at 2029 Irving Ave. N. Minneapolis, Minn. & they make their home with a daughter, "but", said he, "it will be a sad day when we break up the home of so many years." Little did he think then how very different would be the "breaking up of the old home", for now a double sorrow is the portion of her who now writes us "His noble life is ended here, and he sleeps in beautiful Lakewood, Minneapolis and I, who had never thought that it would be possible to outlive him, must stay until I too am called". -- But with such an uplift & strength as you might expect the sister of Prof. Curtis of Chicago Theol. Sem'y (he was of our college class) she says, "The Lord met me with superhuman upholding or I could not have survived it all". -- "I know

has on to the other world."

the news that your classmate, room mate & dear friend has been so suddenly called to the other side will sadden you, and you will feel that earth has been one of her strongties for you; but we must not let courage fail & not mourn that he should be crowned a little earlier.

I know it is not easy for one to speak impartially of a special friend, or I might tread more at length of the man. He was a most earnest, devout, faithful student and worker with one of the keenest consciences. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and grew in importance among the Mem. Churches as not a few publications & notices of his work published in its papers showed. Thus it is friend after friend is passing on to the higher gradation of our God's great & special preparation for many. Three from workers of our Mission as it were in almost that many months, - Dr. Dewey & Mr. Bell of Madan & Dr. Parmelee of Urbizond while Miss Stapleton has gone from Eu. Speaking personally three of my own father's family connection - one my own bro. next older than myself & playmate of boyhood's days - these two have gone in about as many month. But who should murmur but rather bless God if he may ever see but promotion in such lines. The private is not likely to complain, nor any of his friends, when the sound rings down along the line come up higher, stand closer to our Great Commander. Blessed the man & family, who may ever have such ready ear & heart for these summons & transfers to superior stations.

Sincerely Yours R. M. Cole

Should Mr. Bell's late illness prove fatal the Board doubtless will send a successor to Madan.

Tiflis, CHRISTMAS, 1902

RECEIVED 12 1903

Friends:

Late as it is may we pass along best wishes for Xmas & NewYears
rich blessings from the Master come with 1903 for His work & workers!
Among causes for thanksgiving for us as we gathered, a wee colony at the
on the 27th ult.-Mr.Freeman, Eng.Consul, acting also for American inter-
s being with us- was that we had been reinforced by new associates the past
son, while we all, and the Underwoods in particular, rejoice for the gift o
little Miss Evelyn Hope who got the start of Santa Clause in time by five
! Mother & child are doing well & all seem proud of the Station baby!
After a busy Sab.at Khoultig village for church ordinances the "Parson" had
mind erelong to visit the northern part of his parish again. But as it ha
begun so went old November for the most part-so largely by water that
oldest inhabitants claim to have seen not nothing like it for continuous rain!
e of us weather-wise ones had an eye out for another "Indian summer" ere
sty Winter made his final stand, but in this we were disappointed, and have
l date registered fall of 46 inches of snow, most of which has come the
t week. The roads are blocked at our north, tho it melts so in town it does
seem so very deep even in our narrow lanes of town.
After getting off for Cons/pl Office the Dec.Acct. we made ready for a
on horseback to Koulanih regions, but owing to these late snows we must
necessity gather ourselves down for a ride later on upon the little low
sled some 3 inches broad-the carriage going forward from men pulling, etc.
If so much rain, thunder, sleet & snow to coldest hitherto has been only
degrees below water-freezing, the old Gl has been little in evidence.
e did honor to the Sultan's birthday, not only by calling at Government on the
cials but accepted of invitation to dine with others, mostly officials, the
consul, etc. at the new municipality buildings-the tables being arranged &
service quite in European style, tho te Vali hadnot arrived from the South,
he thirtieth of Nov. brought dear old Princeton family pleasantly to mind, as
revious correspondence initiated by that more than one hundred students
particular day was fixed upon by them to focus their prayers on us & the
this way they had asked after. That grand old School of the prophets
gained over for its Prest. from the University of town its late Prest. Dr.
en, and with this accession comes a million dols. from a N.Y. city lady.
portly, corpulent Govr. arrived on the ninth inst. from the South where he
been seeking to read wisdom into quarrelsome Kourds, oversee some tax-
ering, etc. In all of which he seems to have met with fair success, though
ar as reconciliation of Kourds goes it may be but for a night over here!
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nd, classmate & roommate in Amherst College, Princeton & Bangor Sems., the Rev. N.H.
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er health than usual, but was thinking of breaking up their home to live
r daughter soon to marry a Princeton theologue, for his wife was too poor-
or them to live on alone. She is a sister of Prof. Curtiss of Chicago Seminary
Cordially to all, As ever yours, Watchman.

Rec'd FEB 12 1903

Bitlis, December 24th, 1902.

Mr. Israel Boghosian,

Bitlis Church Scribe,

Dear Sir:-

The letter bearing your signature & containing a proposal for a greater degree of co-operation with us missionaries, has been received & duly considered at a recent meeting of our missionary circle.

We sympathize most heartily with any effort on the part of our people toward a greater degree of self-support & self-government in the spiritual & educational work in this vilayet. No one would rejoice more than ourselves if the co-operative work of earlier years could be revived, and in the same form as seen in the old Domestic Missionary Society. But it must not be forgotten that the principle of self-government & self-support are inseparable as illustrated in the case of the Society referred to, in which money, as well as voice & vote was counted an important matter. Further, we should hope that now, as formerly, it would have to do with gospel & educational work outside of Bitlis city, rather than centering, as hinted in your letter, on the Boys' school & management of orphans in Bitlis, particularly as this latter establishment is regarded as only temporary.

But if you are not yet ready to revive the old Soc. organization, knowing the principles of our Board as we do concerning such matters we feel hardly free to enter upon any new methods of co-operation till a future meeting of our Mission (possibly the coming spring) shall present an opportunity for conference with missionaries of other Stations, as well as consultation with our Boston Committee by correspondence.

Trusting this will be satisfactory we remain in hearty personal accord with all who love the work of God above all else.

Most sincerely yours,

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Dear Dr. Batton:-

Rec'd JAN 27 1903
Ans'd MAR 1 1903

Thanks for yours of 17th ult. Bibles
and by last post we had wanted for 15 days.
The winter is upon & snow a month earlier
than last year - thus cutting from more touring
among the villages, though one horse my saddle bags were
all ready. - must take it on a handsled later.
Glad for the appreciations.

As to the Winslie vote you refer to you say
failure to vote is practically in the negative.
As Dr. Thoms name was not on the vote started
by Mardin itself, but only Andrews it might
have been looked upon as a tie by outsiders -
and had he voted, as I have heard it, the missing
might have had the tie - so many failed to vote -

However, as you hint no man should be forced upon a station against its expressed judgment & wish - Excuse this informal, sort of personal note to your waste-basket.

Later. A daughter born to the under-woods this day -

All in usual health -

Hastily &c

R. M. Cole

Bittis, Dec 20/02

Bittis, Jan. 31/03

REC'D FEB 12 1903
ANSW'D MAR 13 1903

Confidential

Dr. Barton: Sulis. Turkey via Corfu Jan. 13 1903

I think I acknowledged your letter of the 17th ult., no. of Nov. 17th; and now we are favored with having yours of the 26th of Nov. also.

We are thankful for copy of Approps. for this year and glad they were not cut down. But it is due the doctor and me, perhaps, to say the £15 does not cover house rent that has gone up in this ward of our sch's. & so popular a ward.

In your last a hand dated Nov. 26th you ask "if I feel the work in the Trebizond field is sufficient to warrant keeping up a mission station there", & should emphatically say yes. As you hint it is the port of entry for these three station, and too, it is important to work up the cause among other regions too far from Marsovan for it to work also from Cm for the circle to work and for just such reasons we at Cm years ago felt a station should be set up there. Of course we then had in mind special effort for the Greeks that should be in mind now, though that can be done by an Armenian & Turkish spoken missionary with such efficient Greek-spoken helpers as they must now turn out from Marsovan. This has been seen to be pretty true under late Dr. Parmelee's supervision, and hence such an encouraging work at Ordo where there was no work among Gs when I used to tour that place from Erzroum, for the sake of work among the Armenians. Kerasoun, the next large town on towards Trebz, on the

coast we also felt should be taken up partly because of the large number of Greeks. Another quite large town of both Armenians & Greeks is only two days by horseback from Erzroum & is nearer to it by two days than Sivas. Dr. Parmelee & I were delegated by our E. T. meeting years ago to visit it (Kara Kalah I think is the name) as if to hold that as properly belonging to our Mission, tho had Greek field then. But as Sivas had taken it up we left it. Gumish Khanah also only four days from Erzroum on the well built Erz road is largely Greek, tho there is quite a goodly proportion of Gregorians also, belongs to the Greek field & should be taken up in some form at no distant day. These are my frank, impartial, unselfish expressions, as you asked for them. You know there is a fine house at T. belonging largely to the Board which there is well on to 100 Liras income as rent on property connected with the chapel in name of the people that needs the supervision of a missionary, as the property was largely the Board's, lest the income turn into wrong channels, as natives are up to the hour of wishing to handle funds, as you will see from copy of what we pass this British people in reply to their sort of claim to have voice & vote, without merely representation. They once spoke as tho they might write, yes, and lest they should (I don't think they will) we might hold this paper in Ham B. pigeon hole to refer to them. Glad am I you are on the lookout for another lady teacher & we personally hope she will have good sufficiency to independent personality & perhaps be up in Kindergarten system for the old workers need some new ideas to get us out of the rut. She should be practical (which Miss K. is not if she returns) so as to take the supervision of their sch. in hand & so Miss M. may be spared all her age. And perhaps quite as much should the new missionary with family should be on hand this year, for between you and me, good as Dr. P. is, he is not and cannot do nothing

Rec'd APR 6 1903
Ans'd APR 14 1903

Dear Mr.Editor:-

Your sample sheet kindly sent us is an interesting & cheery illustration of what federation in prominent publications does. I used to think The Christian Work had no little trend toward Methodism, but in that I was not disturbed, for in my teens being located in Northern N.H. away from other church connections I was taken into that branch of Zion till going out of town & the State to other institutions I fell in with Congl.& Pres.churches. On some accounts it is well for young people to round out their education within different wings of God's one great army, as it gives larger vision & deeper sympathy towards all. The Congl.& Pres.cogitation on such principles over here in Australia looks in the same direction, and hence why not we believe and act as though Union was strength, as the old maxim often puts it. Certainly we congratulate you on your new compact which ought to augur for your publication greater success & more influence generally.

But not to eulogize your paper coming before us at this distance in such attractive garb I had in mind as an old friend & occasional correspondent to give a hasty glimpse of conditions in evangelical & educational work we are over here to champion. Since the untoward "events" of '95 not only have there been apparent many a vacant place among the peoples but not a few secondary places in the outside field, that we call outstaions, have also been left open.

But in our great parish, nearly equal to southern New England for size, we have for mixed population well on to 400,000, about one-third of them being nominal Christian & the more than 1400 Prot.adherents honey-combed in from the Bitlis & Moush city centers; within these two cities we have two leading churches whose branches run out into many surrounding villages, so that there are 270 communicants, all told. We have for these winter months when the children are not occupied in the fields 14 outstations with nearly 400 pupils under instruction in the most common branches, with a somewhat smaller number, most of them orphans, in our Bitlis Boys' & Girls' High Schools. Already some of our larger orphan boys, as well as regular boarders are out teaching for the winter, and find much to encourage, so far as desire of the people is concerned, but governmental restrictions for Prots.has become intolerable, for all we preach loyality to the powers that be-quoting First Pet.2:13-17.

However, there is much to encourage in that the people are more aroused to the importance of Christian education, together with such hope faith & principle as enter to that within the veil, thus regulating the life & conduct. This was apparent as again the writer-the only ordained parson for all this parish of over 12,000 Sq.miles, took another of his rounds among the villages on the Van lake shore. This time he was the Circuit-rider on runners, sitting down on a handsled some 8 inches high & so narrow that both side raves are sure to make their impression from below unless plenty of hay & cushions prevent it! The means of locomotion was a villager pulling from the upturned runners & raves in front while another was pushing with his stick behind.

But for all this hardship one largely forgets it in the delight at reading & expounding the Word till late at night, and holding public service by day. We lay us down in the stable guest-corner mid fetid air to get as good rest as may be while in the homeward march over the tableland in the face of a fierce snowstorm we escaped as by the skin of our teeth, but landed safe at home finding the friends well as usual, tho we were tired from having to wallow in the deep snows that here aggregate to date over 15 feet & still it comes! This breaks the record for snows the more than 18 years we are here. Hungry wolves from the hills out of desperation ravage town swooping off dogs. Six were here yesterday, four of them shot but one in desperation hauled up at side door of our Prot.chapel to turn & with another made their escape!

Asia, Feb.19/03.

ROLLA.

Rev. Royal M. Cole,
Bethel, Feb. 19, 1903

Rec'd APR 6 1903

Bitlis, Feb. 20th, 1903.

Ans'd APR 10 1903

Our dear Friends:-

It would seem Watchman has not had a look out over the wall of this Taurus-bound city since Xmas, during which interim we have passed the holiday markers with usual callers & calls, save as bad roads from deep snows were an obstruction. Tho the Govr-Genl. arrived home he was too poorly to do honor to Bairam but put the judge in his place for the occasion. Corpulent & in poor health as the former is doctors declare it imprudent for him to carry the burdens of this post so he asks to be transferred to an easier, tho it is not clear his resignation will be accepted, from apparent delay.

Capt. Tyrrell of Van passed a night at this Consulate on his three months' round via Oroomiah, Persia, Mosul, Jizireh & Sert, when he tried to escape the threatening fresh snowfall but was so caught that nine days in place of four were required for him to reach V. by south side of the lake.

Tho it is a time of fair health in town there has been a virulent type of smallpox in Boulanik region & especially Shekhaghoub village where hardly a child is left-sometimes 4 & 5 being buried a day, one being baby of Prot. helper there. That province to the eastward towards Malasgerd has long been under the ban from disorderly conduct of "reserves"-a few more deaths taking place of late, and as one of them was an army centurion who was seeking to screen an Armenian whose grandfather, father & uncle they had killed in the past, it looks as tho somewhat vigorous measures might be realized, for it is affirmed that two of high rank but leaders are called to C. to answer for their conduct. Their one bullet first pierced the officer then the Armenian! The fault of the latter was he had some courage as well as convictions, but when firing began he threw himself upon the officer who stood between as a ledge of safety in taking him with him on the road, so both were shot thro.!

As Kourds they are at feuds among themselves for years with many murders, and they become most defiant, rendering it difficult for the local Govt. Some years since one of them of high rank was said to send back the retort to the caimacam he summoned him to answer for his conduct, "Go back & tell him to come to me, as I am of higher rank!" But now it looks more as tho they might submit.

Emigrant Circassians from the northern country crowd into the villages here and on the Moush plain & from their insolence & oppression brought on a row in former place for a certain village resulting in sore heads & arrest of As. The plan seems to be to let Cs come into possession of all property left by absent Armenian be they dead or sojourning abroad, if relatives are not in charge, while to get any such names from the tax demand is next to impossible.

As in the past Miss M. Ely & the writer took to handsled for a tour among nine villages about the west end of V. lake, but had rather a hard time from blustering snowstorms, so Parson might have been seen wallowing in the snow, to the astonishment of natives, & that for all he is no longer a young man. The trying thing of the expedition was that the hatwearer was badgered by an escort of five regimental wearers-three more (one a policeman) were ordered to meet us from Akhlat Govt.-the pol. once taking his place in church to hear us preach, while in town they parcel themselves out in places apart from us so as to gain better supplies & service. Result, almost the villagers, like the Gadarens of old "besought us to depart out of their coast" so they be rid of the harpies, for they had no swine to rush down into the sea near at hand! so be a loss! Sorry not to find evangelist Mr. Campbell who had left Van a week later we set our faces homeward but none too soon to save heavy snowfall that was 22 inches in 12 hours & aggregates up to date 15'/2 feet & still it come-a record breaker for the more than 18 years we are here. Hungry wolves ravage town swooping off dogs. Six were here two days ago, four to be shot & two made the escape, one of them after calling in his confusion at the side gate of our P. chapel. As yet they make no attack on children sometimes seen chasing them!

Bitlis, Feb. 20th, 1903.

Sincerely yours,

Watchman.

Rec'd APR 6 1903

Ans'd APR 10 1903

Rev. R. R. Cole,
Butler, Ind.,
April 2, 1903

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Bitlis, Feb. 21st 1903

Ans'd APR 10 1903

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:

At the risk of taxing your time if not patience from such a full envelope, I am going to run down the page with the pen - which I can do faster than with the machine - & so give you still a few more lines to glance through.

I beg to acknowledge yours as to approps. & Zrebel question of Dec. 16/02; also yours of Jan. 5/03 accompanying blanks for "Definite Objects to be Contributed for" which I answer herewith so far as pertains to workers and institutions of learning in our field.

From news notes, you get an idea of how we are occupied. We often write over assumed names & sometimes assume the rôle of a traveler, as you see. As Watch indicates annoyances to travel continue. We had anticipated bringing back with us from the Akhlat villages the evangelist Mr. Campbell concerning whom Dr. Raynolds must have written you; but he seems to have been delaying at V. for some reason. We look for him next week & pray for a blessing upon his visit. All the time we have been in Bitlis we have never seen such a winter as this for snows, while brisk thunder and lightning take a hand at it, as if rain storms of Mesopotamia congeal when they reach our Taurus mts.

B. S. Ann and Rice wrote, & send you Nat'l Woman's dated X mas day

We have never seen such a winter for irregularity of the mails - while tampering with them helps in that direction! Winter began more than a month early, so animals are in danger of undergoing fodder-famine in the villages, as we saw in our late tour - In some places they were trying to subsist only on leaves of bushes & a little straw but they looked mere skeletons, & much need opening of an early spring. More than once I asked you about rebuilding of burnt sch. house at Mogounk, but yet have no reply as to whether we may do so from surplus of Grant in Aid in hand. But we winter-seb in d ventured to put up a hall of it costing some £.T 25-00 that we put on the Grant in Aid ak, and from this movement we have set up the work there in hands of one of our pupils, a native of the place, Ahkor by name. He has sch. during week & Sab. service. Do let us know as soon as possible if we may use some £75 more on Grant to put up rest of the building in the spring, as we plan then assisting those of village whose houses were burnt to amt. of £.T 5-00 10-00 each out of Relief so they may rise and build, for all the apparent desire that so attractive a place as Mogounk has altogether out hands of the G. For these ten days B. is practically under siege from such a continuous snow-blister. Crowds of villagers coughing here cannot return to their homes, while many Armenians from Moush, Akhlat & Boulanik regions wait on the snow threshold outside (some of them to be married, as for the old ch. it is the time of weddings) but no improvement in weather yet. Heaven only knows when this will relent or when we shall get our mail regularly. Yours in Christ, [illegible]

Excuse the unaccountable color of this page - original not so -

Bitlis, Turkey-in-Asia, via Cons/ple, Feb. 26th, /03.

To the Y.P.S.C.E. of Pilgrim Church, St. Louis,

My dear Young Patrons;-

Copy

It has been sometime since we had a look at one another at the point of the pen; perhaps some of you have dropped me a postal informing me my last letter reached you, but if so it did not come to hand, which would not be a strange thing with posts this way. It may be our friends at the Board Rooms in Boston have given you some statements from my pen, as at first they spoke of doing, to relieve the pressure under which I am, for naturally I write that Office once or twice a month.

Since my last letter you have had another Anl. Meeting of our beloved Soc. this time at old time, missionary Oberlin where we have two daughters in the schools, while we plan, D.V., sending on to them our youngest & only child with us in this land, the coming season. We noticed your pastor was present at C. meeting, and of course took an important part, as is his wont in such gatherings. But with so many subjects to treat during the three shot days there could be little particularizing, so you may not have heard Bitlis name once.

Though we have in the past, at point of the pen, had you out to walk about our great parish-like Southrern New Eng. for size-to "Mark well her bulwarks" &"unspeakables", still you should see it now to note progress in the winter. With fourteen places we call outstations in the outside field & occupied by more than number of employees (for three posts have assistant teachers) and 400 pupils in those schools of the commonest branches of education, while in all the places are held Sab. services, in some of them mid-week prayer meet- We have a somewhat smaller number of pupils in our Bitlis schools, and some 270 church communicants in the Bitlis Mount City church, members of these extending into several of the villages, while Prot. adherents are some 1400. This gives an idea of the Gospel leaven that has already entered into these regions that for obstructions of various kinds far exceed any of the Stations. Still there is much to encourage, as you would see if you could take the Turkey trolley with us as in this late tour of nine days! Its electricity & locomotion are what you might expect in a handsled some eight inches high & so as to give the impression from below of two side raves at one & same time, if nary & cushions do not prevent it! But if your ticket be this special be not over anxious, for smashups are rare-if they roll over, as they have done with me the snow is near & usually fairly soft! The "power-house" of the plant is a man walking at the nose of the sled while another pushes from the rear. If our wraps are saturated by the storm behold a blowing fire-fire all in the upon fireplace before which we can dry them. Following this our humble meal from the village table about as high as the above sledraves-this & no more. But the traveler's road appetite fits us to do fair justice to the plain repast, following which we heed not hardships on seeing the zest for the Word. At a late hour we lay us down upon a dirt floor with mat between & coats for covering & so seek for Nature's sweet restorer balmy sleep & so pass the night. By day we have more public services, if there be buildings, so women may come. But perceiving a fierce snowstorm was upon us we just barely got into town by the skin of our teeth from the risk over the table-land, for 22 inches of snow fell in only 12 hours & so-from the first of winter, in all 16½ feet! This a record-breaker for the over 18 years we are here, tho 20 seem earlier. You, too, as a city seem to hav had your abnormities, tho the Frost-bite (vis. the Mayor?) & Folk-lore were equal to strangling the serpent of municipal corruption, whereof You & we all are glad. How splendid to have the right man in just the right place to search out multi-millionaires tho they be chief Butlers. With cordial greetings from the Orient,

R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cole
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Rec'd APR 27 1903
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Ans'd MAY 1 1903

Dear Dr. Barton,

You may be interested in the enclosures as pointers to some of the many things we have in hands. We hope this interesting young evangelist will find a warm welcome & do much good in all the stations. I have given a brief letter to the St. Louis friends, as you see, & pass its copy on. I know not whether they are contributing for unworthy one this year, as have only heard from them once more than a year ago, & think ~~the~~ I have written them several times.

From what you said in your last I have thought possibly something more as to prospect of our transfer somewhere you might send us. If anything comes of it, from what Mrs. Parmelee writes us, it will remain till their arrl. meeting in Apr.

Of course in the end it may call for my making nearly two trips to the coast, unless we send our daughter on with Miss Lord & Crossroum.

As you see in Hotchman's notes published we surrounded in late tour me & so they did Mr. Campbell, the Evangelist, as soon as entered our vilayet. Three of our common village schools have been closed - the teachers being arrested. Copy of circular, no special letter, but should I find time to get it off this post. The Lord grant us better conditions in these parts or let it take us hence to labor under rather different circumstances, for with many readjustments for nearly all the Zenana workers. Greene, Herrick, Crossroum, Chambers, &c. Why not one of us who have had no little of the burden & heat of the day, tho we do not complain, all in usual health. Mostly, &c. R. M. S.

Rec'd APR 27 1903

Bitlis, March 7th, 1903.

Our dear Missionary Friends:-

Ans'd MAY 1 1903

Probably most of you know that an English Evangelist by name of Mr. John Campbell is working in these E.T. fields-having come on from Persia to Van in whose regions he labored over two months. Our Van friends speak in high terms of his labors there, and for the week he has been with us he is starting in well-his sermons making a deep impression, so that we anticipate much good from his presence, as was the result also in Van.

Many of our E.T. missionaries will recall that discussion was had in our Mission meeting & action taken as to securing from outside such an Evangelist to co-operate with our Mr. Browne of Harpout in doing this special work among our leading churches, as has become the method long since in America. Had we succeeded in that we know well it would been at heavy expense, while now Providence has so arranged it that we have in our midst such a man of some years experience in England & now over eight months among the churches of Persia & Van but practically to no expense save for board & for the road. He is a modest & earnest preacher in sound evangelistic lines, as all will see but very cautious about pushing his way where he has no invitation; so I on my own responsibility, take the liberty of putting out this feeler, believing that should you lose his services for want of some testimony on the part of the fraternity you would regret it. Moreover, he has come to the point in his journey when he should decide to go to the coast via Erzroum that has invited him, or go Southward where Mardin has invited him, after which he would naturally push on towards the Syrian coast & perhaps count Erz. out. Should Harpout care to invite him for her many cities & places of more liberty than is realized in many outstations, we wish she would indicate it by wire, while C.T. friends could indicate their pleasure by letter say at Mardin.

Pardon the liberty I take in thus writing this, but have done as I should wish you to do by us were the tables reversed. Trusting the Lord may have it in mind to bless you all as he is doing to us of these northern regions,

I am Cordially yours in His name,

R. M. Cole

Filed March 7, 1903.

Rec'd Apr. 27 1903.

Rec'd JUL 14 1903
Ans'd JUL 14 1903

Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 15th 1903.

Our dear Friends:-

We are glad to be introduced to spring once more up here, for beginning a month earlier than usual winter has been long drawn out, tho the past ten days of warm sun & admixture of rain, thunder & lightning, have made havoc of the snow, so that little remains in & about town, roads are so open that for a week we are taking horseback rides; flowers are in evidence for nosegays, while the market furnishes greens for the table. Last year we were riding out a month earlier than this; still, after the winter's snowfall of 17 2-3 feet as the record-breaker since we entered B. in '84 we may well rejoice to see it so forward, & thus said the frogs in croaking some days ago. Caravans are blocked from the North-Erzroum & Moush-for sometime, tho transport on runners-handsled-has been brisk most of the time save the past ten days. In our worst snowstorm 22 inches fell within twelve hours & so blocked the roads that villagers, sledmen & all were shut into town for ten days.

Still heavy snow & closed roads may have been blessings, if not in disguise, as the highwayman is shut in home & poor peasants may have better rest & general security than during the long summer of such constant anxiety. Some already begin to wonder how they can venture into their fields to work them. But 'sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.' Certain it is changes for the better seem in the air, as if extra police, Moslem & Christian, are to be on patrol in town & through the vilayet from this on, while persuasive urgency has brought out well on to forty signers of the two nationalities to be telegraphed to Headquarters at their expense announcing "perfect tranquility!"

But last tho by no means least in importance for us to chronicle for this month has been the presence with us of the English evangelist, or "Traveling missionary", as he prefers to be called, Mr. John Campbell of London. Incurring no little hardship on the way from Van & meeting with varied & somewhat trying experiences in our regions-for were not the snows deep? he was delayed & only reached us on Feb. 27th & led the first meeting March 1st. From this on to the day of his departure for S'ert on the 24th he was holding one to four meetings a day, aside from his rest Friday, and spending much time with inquirers. His sojourn here was a benediction to the people & us all, thank God!

Though adults of our congregation, even church members, did not attend as we could have desired, yet including those from outside, especially young men, we had fairly well filled houses, tho naturally the major part were from our schools- orphans, boarders & day-pupils on whom good results are apparent. A few of the church at least seemed impressed, as tearful eyes showed, and as now their decision in voting in some of our boys for church membership, who before had been before the committee for examination. Seven are to be admitted on confession of their faith Communion of the 26th inst., six of whom are from our pupils-one of them from the first ill-fated province, and who on coming among us five years ago had no idea of the tenets of any Ch. organization and who could not read the primer & much less the belssed truths of God's word. The people as a whole made a pretty liberal donation on Mr. Camp'Exp's.

Following upon the above evangelist we may hope for a visit from Prof. & Mrs. Rendel Harris of Cambridge, Eng., from what Mr. Peet now writes us dated Mch. 25 but just which route & extent thereof we know not. Rare visitors for us all. We shall see what rumors these, too, may set going, for is it not a time for such, beginning with Miss Stone's tramping grounds over to the (Macedonian) westward. We had a fairly vigorous eathquake here on the 8th inst. & the high water undermined an old shop that went tumbling down. We are sorry to report that our Miss Knapp's physical status seems more discouraging again, tho she writes yet

With very cordial greetings, Watchman-on-the-Wall.

Dear Friends:-

Mr. Peet writes Dr.Underwood April 11th, 1903 as follows,"I note what you say in regard to Mr.Cole's transference to Trebizond."We all feel here thath he is too valuable a man for the peculiar situation in which you are placed to make such a step desirable in the best interests of the work. No new man could fill the place He occupies in Bitlis & the surrounding region"etc.

Dear Dr. Barton:- Rec'd JUN 2 1903 Bittis, May 29 03

Ans'd JUN 2 1903

Here just as the post is closing I hasten in these few lines to say hoped to have sent Sol. Nian this time but cannot till next post. & also to say that now in three days earthquakes prevail in this vilayet, most of all in the north-east part where great loss of life & property is reported. Dr. Underwood leaves for the scene day after to-morrow, Monday, under Gov't escort & approval to volunteer his services for mangled humanity. Our vali seems to feel over a thousand lives have gone - whole families buried under their falling buildings! We have telegraphed Mr. Peet to see if he has in hand any Relief - No particular damage done to Bittis. The hardest shock was on the 28th ult. at 2½ o'clock Tues. A.M. & lasted 20-30 seconds - the hardest we have seen in Bittis. Many are sleeping

in the open from fear. Soldiers for the same reason have taken to their tents & so has the valid am told.

But we are well as usual & dwell in safety thus far. I may take a hasty trip to Moush to marry three couples attend to ch. ordinances, & next week following this I & Dr. H. will see to marriage Prof. & Mrs. Harris, from Cambridge Eng. reach us from Van. They are prominent benefactors to orphans & humanity generally. About June 15 Dr. H. & I are to start D. V. to take our many on to Erz & also the Eng. vice consul who is in poor health and going off on sick leave.

Do excuse this hasty, personal scrawl dealt out double-quick so you might have a few words as offset to what you may see in the papers as to the war-path destruction. Cordially, hastily

R. M. Cole

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Rec'd JUN 2 1903

Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 10th, /03

W.W.Peet, Esq.,

Treas. American Board Missions in Turkey,

Dear Mr. Peet:-

In your communication of the 13th ult. you express a desire for facts as to the work in our field, organized communities of Protestants, places actually in hand, others proposed for the same, etc. I have to say as somewhat relevant to the matter that if you have on file the schedule or tabulation I sent you on March 20th of last year it should answer not a few of your queries- a complete list being given there of most held under occupancy more or less regularly up to time of the massacre that disorganized things generally. In said list are only 21 separate places named, with dates of their Establisments- nearly all of them being previous to 1880 & so entitling them to Govt. indorsement per law quoted & sent from your office some years ago.

If we count separately the boys & girls Schs. in B. & Moush cities, and include a successful boys primary we have in a distant ward of Bitlis city we should have 24 places, 17 of which have been in occupancy, though a few of for only short periods during the winter owing to obstructions of Govt. After ten years diligent, if not patient, pursuit we have only succeeded in gaining six Govt. permits for schools & only one of those for a village (Toukh). We might waive two or three of said places, tho if funds ~~permit~~ will suffice we hope our grown-up pupils-mostly orphans-could supply most of the places.

As for separate organizations for Prots. you should be aware that in the Interior most missionaries discourage schism within one & the same race because of religious differences-certainly till disproportionate taxation or exceptional treatment force it. Even Van city as yet has no separate Prot. organization in civil matters. Our B. & M. cities are separate, and I think our only two Prot. villages-Aghagh & Havadorik-are so recognized by Govt., whereby they meet with hard & exceptional treatment. As to your not being able to find out whether Purkhous was separate (I do not recall you have asked us) it is not for above reasons, for in a large village a few houses hardly feel to set off by themselves, as it were-natives themselves being naturally opposed.

As to the work we wish to continue, of course it is Christian Edn. tho all our teachers are supposed to be teachers of the Word as well, and they hold service on the Sab, as also sometimes during the week, tho it has been more or less fitful occupancy since the "event" as also from Govt. obstructions cast in

Respecting importance of the places, rather than argue for each one let me refer you to said schedule, together with what I may copy from our Tab. view as to location, population, adherents, pupils in schools, etc. which should meet your demand, thus leaving you to draw conclusions from statistics, for it might not be easy for us to be wholly impartial as to them.

As looking to our schools & the closing of three of them by Govt. in Akhlat region, arrest of their teachers, etc. as I have before written, it may be worth while to report to you briefly my interview with our vali four days ago. After usual civilities I asked his Excellency whether he had any reply from Cons/ple as to the Purkhous Sch. "No," he said, "but conference is going on between the U.S. Minister & the Bureau of Instruction, and when it is decided I will let you know; meanwhile information gathered by Akhlat caimakam is to the effect that there is no Sch. there!" Think of that when a building was purchased with the Board's funds for the Sch. more than thirty years ago, and it has had some twenty pupils late winters till it was closed by caimakam months since. But the more serious intent of the call was to ask what it meant to have a police go to Toukh village at west end of the lake & where a special school house was built largely at expense of our Board & building held in my name, and the Sch. has Govt. permit, go there I say to extort signatures to a paper stating there was no Protestant there, but did it in such a secret way our people knew it not till afterwards when they came to tell us. The Vali admitted such a course had been taken but on my protest he said it should be investigated again for my khatir, tho he did not admit that the one or two signers had written on it from fears, as I hinted. Upon this I told him how the chief of another village had done so in words denying there were Prots. when one whose children I had baptized was sitting right beside me! A Gregorian as he was the man shrank from telling the Moslem official the trut I said in asking the religion of people are we to go to them or to others? would you go to Jews, for instance, to ask as to Moslem matters? Being effectually silenced in these points, tho pleasantly, he at once accepted my proposal to send a man with his for new investigation & we shall see the result. If they were in their way to establish that there were no Prot. ergo, there should be no Prot. Sch, just as they tried to make it out for Purkhous last summer that even with 40 Prot. adherent we had no right to hold a Sch. there!

In closing this somewhat lengthy statement I beg to submit that my appeal has not been against having two regular zabtiehs, nor from fears lest spies catch me saying or doing some improper thing, but that by their hedging me in by five or six such regimental wearers, or, as has happened, clearing out from my presence with flourishing of the whip those come in to listen to preachin of the Word it thwarts the intent of our touring work-keeps away the people. Of course a village shrinks from having such a ~~guard~~ squad quartered on them, more especially as getting down elsewhere they are so exacting-prod for bribe or lower things, leading the villagers, like the Gadarenes of old to beseech us us to departout of their coast. If we can get out of P. with only two Tels. so precede us that more than that many of zabs. & police come out to meet us so our own people almost shrink from our visits lest they be overburdened in more ways than one even after we have left. Mr. Campbell was even more ill-treated & much annoyed & people abused in villages for showing him attention.

Sincerely Yours, R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Apr. 10, 1903

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BOSTON JUL 14 1903

Tarsus Oct. 6th 1903

Dear Dr. Barton,

The enclosed is our result for the Lab. year of this Station for 1902, while the Genl. Report together with copy of what was written Mr. Peet on School re-matter went to you last week.

As usual I put in nearly all the places that have never once been occupied as outstations - one of this year where one of our orphan boys of the place had a small sch. On old blanks it was written that a copy of the Lab. reports should be sent the Boston Rooms, and though this one is not so marked perhaps I better send for this year as also of J. Clerk.

As I wrote you last host the Dr. with preacher of this people, and Doctor's assistant left for the scenes of worst disaster from the Earthquake, and they should reach there to-day their third day out. The weather is bad for some days, almost constant succession of thunder showers, so it will be hard for the Doctor who the young is not the strongest. As medical or more surgical work was called for naturally he was the one to go rather than myself.

One of our pupils of first class in Boys High Sch. here arrived yesterday from Sheikhaghouli village where he has been assistant teacher for the winter, and the news he brings goes to confirm what we had already heard from the Bou-

Ramla regions, indeed the truth seems far beyond what the rumor was - a rare thing in this country. It seems pretty clear some 4000 lives have gone a sacrifice, as probably the Doctor's report will show when it reaches our hands. The Commission sent by Govt makes out the loss this much & they are not likely to exaggerate in this matter - they always minifying losses as a principle lest their Govt or religion be reflected on.

Our regular teacher at Shekhaghoul writes the house built for the helper & in which he & family lived came very near being shaken down, so tho' they & others of the village were living & sleeping in the open. I have written him to try to have it repaired so it not fall down utterly. It is thus we shall have to draw on Rent & Repairs which if too short will send us knocking at the door of Grants in aid to keep our buildings from falling down & so triple expense be incurred when the people are too poor to help. By the way, twice, I think it was, I wrote as to Mogounb Sch. house (& also serving as chapel but hall in any name) that was burned down begging that you inform us if we might use from Grants in Aid for purchase of land for missionary or Sch. premises here, & rebuild the building, even asking that if need be you send a Tel., also wrote Mr. Peet but no reply and nothing done for it save I had put up the shed adjacent to it for some £30 that has served the purpose of the regular building for the winter.

Antioch, May 6 1903

Rec'd JUL 14 1903

Our dear Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, June 15th, 1903.

If nation is not against nation & kingdom against kingdom surely there have been "earthquakes in diverse places" causing old Earth to "hop up & down" in such ways in our Malasgerd regions as to send walls of houses to land at a distance in confusion personified, while there has bee a loss of some 2500 lives among the people with more than that number of domestic animals, and in many cases houses were leveled to the ground! The Vali went to the scene after the return from there of our Dr. Underwood, and something by way of relief is said to be under way in doling out of bread, but hardly with impartiality, tho rather heavy contributions have come to our Govt. from different vilayets- Lt. 120.00 from Harpout alone at the hands of missionaries as transmitters. We had hope they would set to rebuilding the houses and for that reason we have not rushed in with our Lt. 200 bit-half of which has come to the consul, and we should like to have them spend their strength & so leave us a little freer hand to supply lacks they are sure to leave over. Of course rebuilding & some supply of food & clothing is a heavy problem, as some of us saw from work in Sassoun in '95. Cattle are a special demand in not a few cases, but that commodity is also attractive tr the Kourds so that under relief at hands of a former consul oxen given soon passed to K. hands! Wheat is cheap & it seems better to supply some for food than to attempt to supply many oxen at present. Dr. U., assisted by our preacher here who accompanied him, was able in the few days they were there to comfort humanity in Medi. lines. He may go out there again soon, possibly accompanied by the consul, to attend to distribution of the two hundred, if there be demand to spend so much time now, though matters are crowding us all as time for Van meeting approaches.

It is to be hoped shocks of old Earth are now over after more than a score of them, as some say, tho we confess to have noted only a half a dozen-the hardest one being on April 29th at half-past two o'clock A.M. & caused a few books & pictures to come down from their not very firm perches.

Some of the fraternity at Harpout have asked as to safety of travel in our regions, as looking to coming on to the Van meeting most likely. All we can say is that abnormal conditions have prevailed so long as to become almost normal; so we move on with no particular apprehension,-nothing like getting used to a thing you see! Traveling with proper papers & escort should be fairly safe for foreigners at least. Come one come all & we hope to pass you along in safety! If some of our rather weakly ladies are to go to Van three days will hardly suffice; so we may have started on before the Sab. unless we can count on the meetings opening a day or two later than the 18th.

After a delightful visit of some ten days with the Harrises they went on via Mush to Harpout, leaving us not a little enriched in more ways than one. Our old consul has gone, while a J. W. Heathcote, Esq. up from Beyrout, takes his place. They are of no little comfort & assurance to the people & us all as a colony whose American interests they hold on to very satisfactorily indeed.

Paterfamilias starts in the morning to take Mary E. Cole on to join the ladies at Erz. who are going to the homeland shores. It is thus the dear children grow up & away from us dwellers in these lands of no suitable Sch's. for them. We plan to be back & to go to V. meeting if we do not go on to Trebizond.

With cordial greetings. E. M. Watchman.

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Rec'd JUL 14 1903

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Bitlis, June 16th, 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Ans'd JUL 14 1903

Dear Dr. Barton;

It has been sometime since I wrote you a letter I think, and I do not seem to have sent copy of last notes while here is the new one. If you shall have seen one of them, or in any case should you not care for them you might mail them to our daughter Miss Alice N. Cole, Lank Hall, Oberlin, Ohio.

I am just mounting my horse this date to take our dear daughter Mary E. on to join Miss Lord at Erz to come on to the home-land shore. She to be located with her sisters at Oberlin. We come pretty near sending on with her the mamma as well, chiefly because our eldest daughter Nellie N. is not a little out of health these two years so she cannot carry school work & I fear needs much the presence of her mamma at least. While we have waived the question for this year we may wish to put into force the vote of last year authorizing her coming on as well as our Mamie. Had we gone down to Erzerum our Nellie might have gained good by coming out to us for a time. The Lord lead in all these matters!

Answered June 10, 1903

Rec'd JUL 14 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I see that my Ans'd JUL 14 190
husband has failed to sign his name to his letter, and I believe he intended to have me finish various letters he had begun.
No "papers" were allowed him for the journey but two gaffichas were sent as an escort.
Last year when he went with Miss Knapp to Erzerum the requisite papers were not granted the Vali sent a letter by which means he could demand an escort at the different "codons".
This time the Vali was not there, but Moloa gert; and the one acting in his place said he couldn't grant the request, when Mr. Heathcote the new vice consul here asked for the same kind of letter that was given last year.
It's annoying, to say the least, when applying at different Governmental stations for gafficha to have no letter or "bonnally" to show you have the right to make the request.
This has been a sad morning to the little orphan boys as well as our colony. After Mary was fairly out of sight the eyes that are full of tears overflowed, as they stood on our roof looking the picture of deep air.
She has had so much care of them they will miss her sorely as shall we all. I don't know how we are going to live without her.
Yours sincerely, E. C. Cole (Mrs. R. M.)

Mrs. R. M. Cole
Bitlis, Jur. 16, 03.

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Bitlis Turkey Asia Minor
Aug 13/03

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.
Boston

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I beg to acknowledge receipt only yesterday of yours of Dec. 31/02 containing New Years greetings, &c! Where it has been wandering up & down this hard old world is not evident tho there is a Van post-mark on the poor bedraggled envelope that was all open naturally. Of course Watchman's notes are not for public use though we do occasionally send reports of our tours, and the copy of what I wrote Mr. Peet was on 2d & sch. matters &c that was continuous in showing the difficulty. but later I may write more if any change for the better comes. Yours of the 2nd May & June 3d were penned just before & after your four weeks trip West. We wonder if you met with any success in securing recruits. We have heard in nature of confidential at hands of a married student at Hartford Semy, & who has been there the last year, that two of the students there are talked of one a Mr. Tracy, but the fellow student mentioned discounts them by saying "they & especially Mr. Tracy, were lacking in force & the necessary quality for hardship in touring; but said student (whose wife, by the way, is my niece & a college graduate) recommends a Mr. McLaren of Chicago, Congl. Semy where he passed his previous year in theology.

P.S. See the Mail & Express in the Missions Extra, & Stapleton & Yoder brought me Keep Christ Consider that

This for what it is worth & it may put you people a little more on your guard to see that for the one to the field missionary (& I ought not to always carry this) has enough of the qualities to meet this work also. Mrs. Parmelee, who so much wanted us to come to Tebel when that was cut of by N. Y. desiroas, perhaps, of helping their own boys, suggested another one at Hartford a friend of Mr. E. K. Tracy who could be addressed as to him but she didn't know his name. She called the man "a regular polyglot with a fiancée who is a very skillful kindergartener", and she advised us to write Mr. Tracy as to him, but we have not done so. These hints I put before you, if you wish to note them. Naturally you should not count on holding me under such pressure longer than till fall when a new man might be on the ground. For the sake of our own health & years if not best interest of the work here that need all the push a young man untrammeled by medical work can give, we had thought some readjustment might be had but apparently E. station nearly all of whose members were from other fields sooner or later apparently thought otherwise save our friends the Chambers.

I send you herewith our Estimates, for as you will hear the meeting at Urau was again brushed aside. As Dr. H. cannot leave his family at camp where they have gone for good of their babe I am just off for Borne which work under wing of Council at Malasgerd.

Seems to me the Eastern Committee, who should be well aware of the delay in finding a young lady kindergarten teacher for Miss Knight's school, & there seems little hope for Miss Knight being able to return any more. R. W. C.

Bitlis, July 13. 1903

3- Malasgerd July 20th 1903

r dear Friends at Bitlis & beyond:-

Closing & giving over my No 2 to Papshen Ave. to bring you Wednesday morning, we passed a comfortable night at our Karkalou camp, and after a disjointed breakfast this morning we struck tents & moved here where we took our first meal in form of a lunch our tents perched high up on a slope above town & above Caimakam's, Gov.t & soldiers tents in the valley below us, is rather a barren, stony location but of pure air & a breeze to cheer us if these hot days afford one anywhere. have found a stable for our horses but everything is at a h price. Think of paying 4 piastres for a water jug (gough) d hardly more than that found & other things in proportion! ll we are fairly situated for business, & have been working some tickets while the consul is having a bout with caimakam to see what facts, if any, he may gain from that icial, as to what places, persons & aints have been given so may start in at filling out tickets for distribution from mite. will be impossible to learn just what has been or is now ing done for the most needy tho plenty of complaint al- dy reaches from the two races of partiality & other irregularities how money has been shunted; we only hope the same ay not be said of our work for humanity. So great is the d of course all of us cannot satisfy them. As have d on without starting up building in hopes of much but may have d to do something in the villages at least. People will have to ow together to live during the coming winter at least,

2/ for if all were to be provided for thousands of Lives would be needed instead of the few hundred now in sight. But the consul to hardly fail to make an appeal for more present, but we shall see what turn matters take on later. Seem very sluggish to take up work as if in blissful expectation of large aunts of help from somewhere. Show more enterprise and have moved forward in rebuilding much more as if thinking it to be matter of life or death with the winter before us and as if counting it Ks would have the lions anyway. Those with hands even to women in the cases may be seen working in the mud plaster pray the mason skins of their cattle killed in the earthquake are held to pay his wages. Lumber is so almost impossible to find this way, such poor old rotten sticks being put in. Spear fall rains & winter snow will show up much that is built to be of little worth by the poor ones dry, then may be danger of some falling again even without an earthquake. The poor frightened ones are making the walls double the very thick walls as if this would resist another quake. They tell us only some hours before we reached Yesterday there was another quaking of old Earth. The truth is this whole region is so volcanic it seems less than tempting Providence to rebuild the town. Yet can think of no change and with plenty of stones some lumber before them in desperate one they will set to work for housing themselves come what may. Late 21st Ramaban promised the consul some work of course had been done while we hope for help in this from a priest but it is difficult to get at the truth anyway.

3/ Our Bitlis friends, or some of them at least, will recall the name of one K. Abulonkarian who used to supply us straw for the stable bring it from head of Mousa plain, bring butter also for our larder; he was a man one liked to deal with. What was heard in B. is true of him - he was killed, gave his life for eighty pounds he went back to secure when once he made his escape from the crumbling shop. His partner is here. As yet nothing is being done to rebuild the two mosques & two churches the one of the former is said to have gained from the Gov't fund £25 for a few common furnishing boards it supplied for Gov't tel. & station & £30 for its mollah & so both Ks & As have told us so we incline to believe it. But we find liars among As as well as Ks; of the latter it is said 15 or 20 of a household would present themselves as four or five separate to secure help for rebuilding that many houses when they are to live on together in one house as usual. Of course we head that off by making our allowance somewhat in proportion to the number of persons. We shall see. The Mousa Arachnot's vekil, a priest here, told me the other day the Patriarch had sent £1,100 that would reach here via Mosul but whether for ch. rebuilding in Bitlis or simply for this poor people is not yet very evident, the fact it will go to that poor place is self-evident judging by the past, and the As. seem to think it very strange we should think of the Ks while the new Armenian, a moslem Greek from Crete expressed surprise in his mother tongue to the consul that we were not here for having marked distinction & going over more for a people. There is so much selfishness in the Oriental that one can realize we from Christian lands are not of the same color.

Later, Purkhous Arshag, wrote the post call took Abdullah & so preventing our taking him along to help us has just arrived here on foot. The Cairnkeam asked the same old questions if he actually had a sch as reported and enjoined upon him not to leave one. To which he gave the reply he should not without an order, on receiving his permit to go from Chief Officer he has order to get out of that village & so here he is ready to take responsible part of this work assisted by Dug. Zaghdigian after one leaf which we hope may be next week. There is trouble on the part of Armenians, if not from actual fear it may be that they do not wish us give to the other race. If they not feel that way certain it is some questions they put to us look like it. This is our second day here, but we get no definite information from either party, Govt or Priest, as what has been done tho the Cairnkeam assures us it shall be forthcoming. As we do overcome by Ks they will plead for Chief Ks some who are obviously able to rebuild & have plenty means left over. Of course we need not such & are bound on justice even tho it takes us a little longer, but do the best we can it is impossible to satisfy all parties.

Though this is no report in my idle moments have written this in nature of a diary, and may be get a copy Mr Peet or else he might find something of interest to respondent till the Report further comes. The Consul is leaving all for his one Report on the 2.100 till after his return, & Bitlis which will probably be both one next week. Later, the Purkhous man & the other one Minggerditch can be trusted to complete the when we get it well under way. Sincerely

R. M. Cox

No. 4.

Malasgerd, July 24 1903

Dear Friends of Bitlis & beyond:-

Here we are on the fifth day still looking down upon this old & completely ruined town from our camp-church above it, and no money yet distributed chiefly because the Ks especially insist the disaster for all their 200 houses is the same & so the £50 we offer them should be divided among them all per number of souls & not a single house left out of the list for all a ben-ishully & many more have are built or in process. Shukri Effendi who went to our banker Bedoian at Sopk yesterday not yet back tho it is past 10 o'clock which may mean they cannot raise the £100 for all six days ago. Stella Bee Mellek is set under way so the money be ready when we needed it. Till the money comes & the lists are ready we can do little & so find time to write, and may send copy of this & Mr. Peet also as I did of No. 3 from here direct. Later we shall see. When the money arrives & our threats hung over the people we should strike tent & move on the Ks. appeared with their 200 house list reduced by 62 & here afternoon we are happy to say we have pleasantly completed their list save a few absentees to appear in the morning. We insisted on putting the money right into the hand of one of the families & not leave it with chief men to spend up for their own advantage, as it is clear has been done with some gov. distributions! One K. said "The one hiss. of you foreigners coming so far to show sympathy for us one count more than the gold of Sov." He was not of those written down on our list for help

Saty 25th 21p in the early morning as is Leo's habit while waiting for breakfast I will get down some notes as well as facts. After giving out our £25 & 54 houses of Armenians out of their list of 89 houses in purpose holding up our tents to move to a village an hour away. We have enjoyed our high camp site here & the broad expanse of such a fine view, bating the great lack of water. South of us stately, high soaring Sihan of eternal snows while N.W. of us is silver-ribboned Murad Shai, eastern branch of old Euphrates, still partially spanned by shes of a bridge whose ancient history or date we know while on the distant horizon peering over intervening red is old snow capped Bingol a reputed site of veritable E But without soaring in such things I must be mindfu in my cogitations, and say that I am interested in report a little more activity in the town below, more sound the hammer since our fifty liras entered into the problem, and with the addition of the £25 for Armenians to-day we could fain hope the next two months w see our 200 domicils made ready for the families to be protected from the wintry colds that come earlier are more severe than at Kutir that is some 400 feet urge house building must of all, as wheat is fairly ha With good air & excellent water there does not seem to be sickness though a poor K. widow, all alone in the vill has been to us twice and I dealt her out as a sec remedy a few doses of quinine getting her to take pressure the first one, after I had taken mine bef as an example. It is thus we are working for humanity

Bittis, Aug. 4/03

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Ans'd SEP 16 1903

Back from seventeen days absence to attend to distribution of two hundred pounds I will send you just a word of good will at this time though something more formal may come next week. Our new Eng. Vice-Consul W. J. Heathcote Esq. also charged with American interests, was my Companion & Collaborator in this work £100 Stg. of the money having been sent him; but as he had no experience nor language to help him much with the common people, and as our Dr. H. could not go, I have been out as above, and hope we have done the poor, so suffering ones no little good.

I found Mrs. B. had been rather poorly in my absence though she is better at this writing. Our daughter Mary E. and her Companion in travel, Miss Lord of Erzroum, reports from Paris & this week they should, D. V. be reaching N. Y. City where our lawyer son Frederick W. Cole, Fifty-five West Fifty-fifth St. should meet them of course.

I have before written you of how for nearly two years our eldest daughter, Miss Nellie A., has not been able to do sch. work from overdoing in her ambition to stand high, and you may recall I inserted in the vote for our daughter's return to the U.S. a

clause to cover the mother as well in case we decided best for her to go on also partly & chiefly because of the condition of our Nellie's health.

But do you know, inasmuch as Mrs. C. has elected to hold on with me instead of coming on this year another plan has come to her, and we venture to suggest it to you for cogitation (in case political disturbances do not ripen in Macedonia & our nearer regions as to make it wiser for ladies to go out of the land rather than come into it) and that is for our Nellie to come out to take the ~~so~~ important place our dear Mary C. held as a companion & helper to her mamma & papa, too, for that matter. Here is Mis Blacky, a beauty, & her side saddle to ride for her to ride & she (Nellie) who plans to fit herself to be pastor's assistant, writes how she should like to journey with me betimes in my field pastoral work, and doubtless she could do no little service in this line, with her language & experience. Now think this over & if you like confer with our dear Girlie of 21 years in 22. next & at Lank Hall, Oberlin, O. Of course she would have no salary but her living expenses for the two or three years she might be with us would be on us as they are now in O. where she is quite able to earn her board & is much esteemed by a Cleveland family. But we wondered if you could not give her a lift wholly or in part on economical expense out and back while we carry the rest. Should you wish write Mrs. A. B. Allen

Report of relief work

AUS'T SEP 16 1903

MELAZGIRD EARTHQUAKE. Distribution of Relief.

Report by Mr.W.J.Heathcote,H.B.M.Vice Consul and Rev.R.M.Cole of the American Mission, Bitlis.

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Leaving Bitlis on Wednesday July 15th We reached the affected district the next afternoon,after a journey of 15 hours. We stayed first at Kakarlou,the most westerly village where severe damage was done,and from that point visit various other villages in order to judge where help was most needed.

The centre of the disturbance was the town of Melazgird where the direction ~~was~~ of movement was vertical,but great damage was done in other villages also,especially about 7 miles further to the southward.

With one hundred pounds forwarded to the British Vice Consulate by the Duke of Westminster's fund,and a similaramount by the American Mission of the Bible House, Cons/ple for relief of sufferers of said earthquake of Apr. 28th we decided to visit the district as above & treat the sums as one fund.

We found Melazghird located to the north-west of Sipan Dagh(an extinct volcano 13700 feet high)and near the edge of the lava plain extending down not far from Murad su,or eastern Euphrates. Some villages near the river were injured as well as some others among the mountain ranges which buttress Sipan on the W.as far as Akhlat on the shore of Lake Van,but in Mel.& the villages mentioned the destruction was complete.

The Governor of Bitlis was just leaving the district after superintending distribution of relief. The sums at his disposal were not large-amounting perhaps to Lt.2000,so that the amount which could be given to each family was very small,varying from 10/ to 20/. It was at once evident we could not hope to benefit all the sufferers,and we consequently determined to choose those villages where the damage was greatest & to assist the poorest among the owners of ruined houses,hoping that the money so given would be used in rebuilding,as any families left houseless must suffer terribly in the winter which lasts fully five months and which at that altitude(over 6000ft) is very severe. With a large sum in our hands we should probably have purchased & distributed timber for roofing,as the whole region is totally treeless,the supply coming mainly from Bitlis & other places, with the amount at our disposal,however,little could have been done in this way,and we decided to follow the example of the Govt.and distribute cash.

Leaving Kakarlou we proceeded to Melazghird ,where all the houses,probably 300 in number,had been ruined, as well as the solidly built Govt.buildings, the two mosques,the Armenian church & a large part of the ancient wall. With the assistance of the kaimakam(sub-Govr.)we entered into communication with some of the chief inhabitants,and with their help drew up two lists among the Kurds & Armenians showing up the most needy,tho in such general ruin it would be impossible not to overlook some deserving cases. According to official statements about 100 houses had been sufficiently rebuilt to afford shelter for winter,tho this appeared to us to be over estimated, most of the families were still living in booths or tents & the work of rebuilding was progressing but slowly. The people urged us to distribute to all alike,however small the share of each might be,but we insisted on their eliminating

about one-third of the familaes, and finally distribute to 138 Kurdish & 54 Armenian families-this being about in proportion to the population.

The sums givenvaried with the number of persons in each family from seven & half pias.(about 1/6)to 138 pias.(about 23/). After leaving, however, we heard reports that the people were still disatisfied with the method adopted, and were collecting the money for redistribution!

We then visited Ada(Armeno-Kurdish)Yekmal(Armenian)Dakiran(Arm.& Kurd.)Kara Ali & Yaramish(Circas.& Kurd.)and distributed money in the same way, and were prepared to do likewise at Sari Dacud, mainly Circassians; but the chief of the village appeared to think the few pounds we could spare were practically useless, so we reserved them for places that would better appreciate it

At Lotelarge village with perhaps 150 Kurdish & 80 Christian houses, all of which are destroyed besides the mosque & Arm.church, we gave money to 87 Kurdish & 49 Armenian houses, though the chiefs among the latter refused all assistance unless it were divided among the whole community. We were actually obliged to leave the village & wait for the recipients of relief to come to our next camp to receive their money.

At Pakarlou, a Christian village of 150 houses, to which we returned, we gave help to 60 out of 94 houses ruined. It would seem we have given money in all the villages which were totally destroyed, and we found that fair progress had been made, especially in the smaller ones & among Christians, towards providing sufficient shelter for the winter, as after the heavy loss in human life & domestic animals less accommodations are now required. At M. Lotor less building has been done, but we hoped that enough of the houses, which are of the simplest & humblest description, might yet be rebuilt before the snowfall. The Kurds in some places seemed disposed toawait more help fm the Authorities, as though they held the Govt. responsible for rebuilding thei houses, and this tendency was still more marked among the Circassians who scoffed at the amount given, tho they have been better treated than some of their neighbors & have done practically nothing towards restoration.

A small sum remains in the hands of Mr. Cole, together with a small amount of grain which he will endeavor to distribute where most needed near to wint An account of the money disbursed is inclosed.

Since the above report was prepared, news has come of a further severe shock of earthquake at Mel. on the 6thinst. & it is stated houses rebuilt are again destroyed, & that damage was done as far west as Cop which escaped befo No details are yet forthcoming, but from the severity with which the shock was felt at Bitlis several seconds it is feared the account may be correct. No loss of life is reported, as the earthquake occurred an hour or more after sunrise & moreover the people, as reported above were still living in booths.

If it is true that the work done has all been destroyed, the people will probably desert the district & disperse themselves among other villages, at least for the next winter. In this case they are likely to be exposed tomuch suffering, though under present circumstances it would be extremely difficul to give them any effectual relief.

Bitlis, August 7th, 1905.

W.J.Heathcote.

R.M.Cole.

Rev. R. M. Cole and H.B.M.

Vice Consul

Bitlis, Aug. 7, 1903

Cole

To kind Patrons of Sufferers from Malasgerd Earthquake,

Rec'd SEP 23 1903

Dear Friends:-

NOV 14 1903

Pursuant to the worst earthquake we have seen even in earthquake-stricken Kourdistan these nearing thirty-five years-that of April 29th at two & half o'clock A.M.-down came hundreds of houses with loss of some two thousand lives in regions near to old volcanic Mt.Sipan,as you know,but lest it be alone in its powerful display behold volcanic Nimroud,some 40 mls to the S.W.seems to have nodded its approval in that damage was done in Akhlat regions,tho not of so serious a type,for all its conduct in the past. But the shock came with such force we in more distant Bitlis had an alarm.

With the disaster,however,came thoughts of relief,and our Vali with fairly commendable promptness sent out parties while he followed later with a doctor that was joined not long after by our American Dr.Underwood for a tim Some 2000 Liras had been collected in various vilayetes & efforts were to be put-forth in distribution so the people be housed ere winter came round.

A hundred pounds Stg.& one hundred Turkish came to the Eng.Vice-Consul & ourselves somewhat tardily,tho soon enough if we take into account still another severe shock on the morning of the 6th inst.that brouwht down new & old buildings to nearly a hundred with loss of 50 more lives & 80 wounded! But come with the consul & the writer to see what use we may make of yuor so timely contributions for those regions. Our first day took us by the high table land & over what might be called the lap of Mt.Nimroud that from its seismatic conduct nearly ruined ~~Tegut~~ Teghout some 25 years ago,& by which village as rebuilt then largely with foreign money,we tented ~~by~~ for the nigh Our second day took us along the shore of Nazouk,a small lake between Akhlat & Boulanik provinces; it is a body of fresh water with an outlet into Van lake,abounds in fish while upon its placid surface ride various birds-ducks pelicans,etc. But having neither time nor disposition to turn sportsmen we hasten on & reach Kakarlou,the first village seriously damaged by the earthquake & made this our headquarters 3days-till Monday the 20th of July. From careful inspection as to greatest needs in many villages aside from the old town of Malasgerd itself we felt wemust move to this last place to begin.

With a high perch above the town to secure good,refreshing breezes during these hot July days & with nice water brought from near we were ready to take observations of this place as looking to its proportion of our help. M.is a place of ruins on ruins,as aside from these two calamities within the past few months(the last on the 6th inst.)twice in the gray past it had its serious visitations,and considering the volcanic formations about & old Sipan's lava stream that did not cool in its flow till beyond the town towards the Euprates river,as still appears,the location of the place should be transferred from such bedrock down upon the soft,more elastic earth near the river whose villages suffered little or no harm.But the numerous springs ofmost beautiful water springing out from beneath the volcanic strata are too attractive to be left & so the place is being rebuilt to some extent-our mites helping on in this direction,tho meeting with obstructions at the outset by certain magnates who thought to manipulate the money per their ideas at fis first but later yielding to our putting it into the relieved parties hands ~~selves~~ so they might not be defrauded of it.

Rev. W. W. Cole under date 7.15.03

2nd page on Mlasgerd earthquake.

We argued that it should be given somewhat in proportion to number to be provided for, as the few left required less room than the former many & to this they yielded, tho we gave more in proportion to widows & orphans or such aged & infirm as had no one to care for them. All seemed thankful in the end, and we trust good will have been accomplished. Even one rough-looking Kourd who was helpful in our distribution at M. (but who was not on the list for help) seemed much impressed that we foreigners should come so far 2 help all equally according to their crying needs irrespective of race or religion.

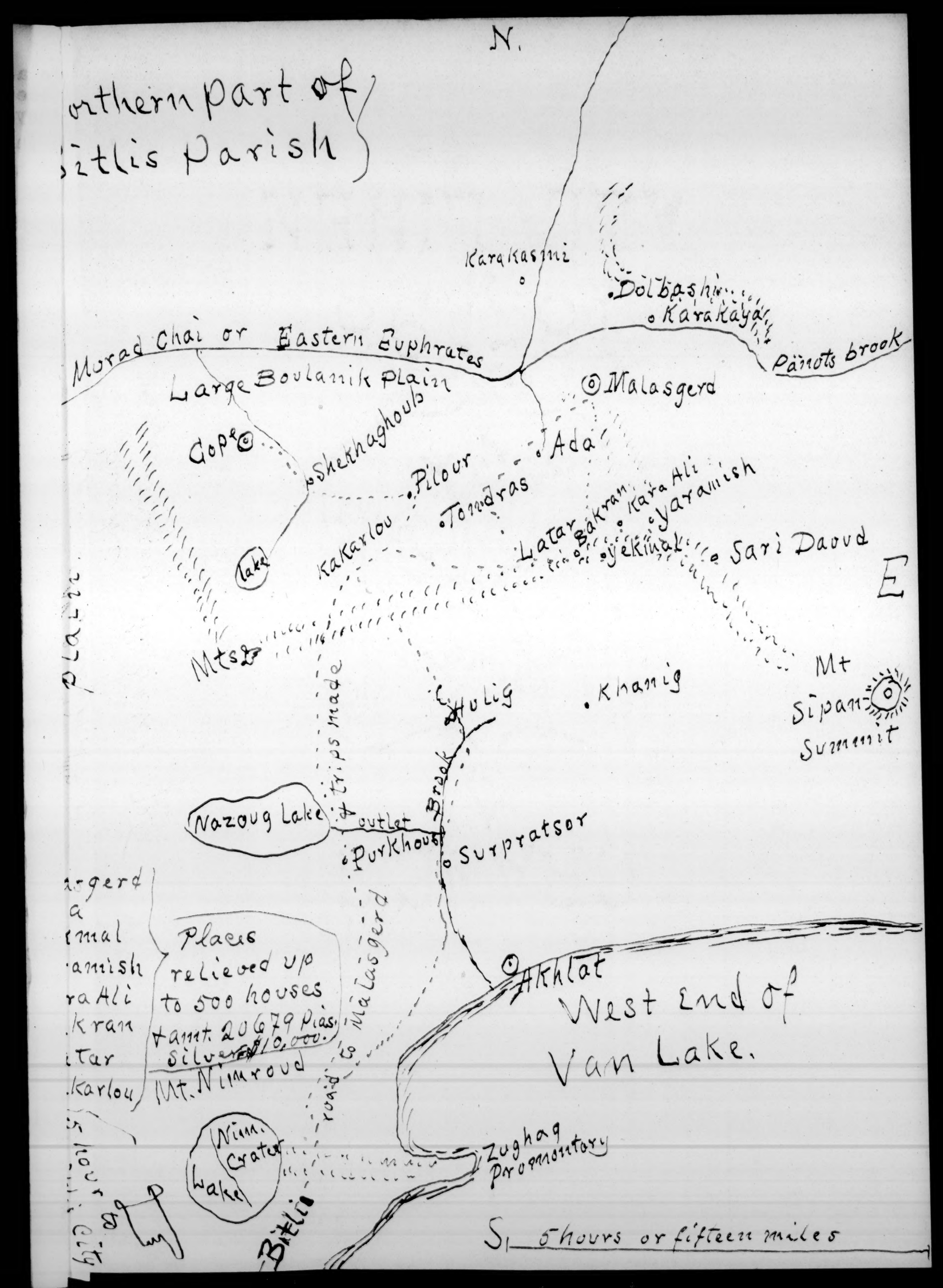
But Circassians showed a different spirit especially in Sari-Daoud you see on the snatch of a map I may enclose, and which was nearer our next halting place for a few nights. Saturday we only moved to Upper Ada where we passed the restful Sab. among those wonderful springs a short hour from M. Some of them furnish sufficient water to harbor regular brook trout that were a rare treat for the table. This seems to have been the mill region for M. that in its pristine days claims to have had 60000 inhabitants; though a few mills still linger but ruin, capped by the late earthquake, looms up on every hand, and here leaving Monday morning we helped some most needy whose houses fell down. They told us how that terrible shock of last April stopped the bountiful flow of all these springs & not till a half hour did they force their way through again & with such a red turbid mass (of course dirt) the villagers called it "blood" Among the many bowlders about is one with a cuniform inscription.

Our next camp was at Yekmal whence we could work among villages nearer to Sipan & further to the westward among villages some of which were in the Boulanik Caimakamlik. Sari-Daoud we left to its glory-the Circassians' heads being quite too high for any allowance we could make them, but in Kara-Ali & Yaramish we did give out to their race in most needy cases, as seemed to us. These people having come rather recently from the Northern country claimed to have left far different houses from any about, which was their excuse for so high expectation as we could in no wise satisfy most naturally. In another village some were seen to help on the demolition with hope of more help! Certain it is they & some others seem less inclined to rise & rebuild than Armenians so accustomed to slights & slurs in all such matters; see them busy even to their women in some cases mixing the mortar, as if their own brain & brawn must provide them a shelter from the cold winter not so very distant.

This much for a personal glance at seventeen days service whose official report & account under the lead of W.J. Heathcote, Esq., H.B.M. Vice-Consul, have already been given. Mr. H. was most kind & helpful in this to him new work.

Of the 20679 pias. silver we gave out, 600 of it was to redeem ten old Austrian gold coins the M. caimakam passed one of the eight villages we relieved as if it were money current. We have sent it to Cons/ple in hopes it may be of value there at least, but who can turn it to account in such distant villa

Latest authentic information from the earthquake regions speaks in most discouraging terms of the disheartened people, especially since the last shock and says they are scattering to other regions-some going as far as Erzroum, while we know some have come to Bitlis & regions. Dark indeed is the future as the poor ones face up to the coming winter,-all the more so as the wheat crop is not so good this year, less was sowed because of loss of life from the calamity that took place in April before the spring sowing was over. So far as means permit we shall try to relieve suffering wherever found, and Mr. Heathcoet has sent us on Lt. 27.39 more for that object. Gratefully. R.M. Cole.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road to Malasgerd
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Crater
Lake
Zughag
Promontory
Bitlis
5 hours or fifteen miles

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Received Sept. 23, 1903

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Bitlis, Aug. 18th 1903

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

ABC'S SEP 16 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Back from our 17 days at relief work in Malasgerd regions I hoped to write you before now; but being a bit under the weather for a few days, and then having our Erzrm friends, Mr Stapleton & Miss Bushnell here on a visit I have not been able to yet. Enclosed you will find the sort of Collaborated report of the Consuls & my Collaborated relief work, which he kindly mostly made up. But I have in mind to give my individual glimpse of matters out that way, possibly by next post, perhaps sending you some photos taken mostly by the Consul also.

But all I can do this day after coming back from seeing the Erzrm party out on the way, accompanied by Dr. & Mrs. Underwood who go with them as far as the Lake shore for one night for sake of a bath & more visit; all I can say now, I was about to say, is to report safety & health of usual type & fair quiet still. Our hearts have been gladdened by your old pupil, Br Krikor Stepanian, preacher at

Mousk, responding to our call and coming on as Mr. Stapleton and I ordained him this last Sunday in the Chapel here. It was a service very few here had witnessed and the people generally seemed greatly impressed, if we are to judge by what they say to others who have reported it to us in turn.

But I have in mind to write more on these matters later, but suffice it to say that by this weekly boat we pass along a note of our well-being accompanying the report and tell of our joy at having a preacher now as our ordained evangelist for the mouth part of this field especially, so I may not be obliged to carry so much pastoral care in those regions as well.

Mrs. Coole would thank you (& so do I) for your good letter to her in response to her postscript to mine sent away after my leaving for Madagascar. On the 6th inst, by the way, there was another shock in those regions, harder in places than was the other. Some 50 more deaths & 80 persons wounded. As people were out of their houses not many lives went. It seems hopeless for the Meo. to think of rebuilding this year, more especially as shocks keep on. Hostility &c

Later, Feb 3rd '81. Mellie A. indicates she is getting her heart or coming out to Christ as Mrs. Coole & Mrs. Stapleton & I are all joining in prayer for her.

Personal

Bitis Aug 20/5

Dear Dr. Barton;-

When you were a member of Harpoot Station we used to exchange personal letters, open or private, sometimes take the liberty of writing you thus still; if you do not wish to respond similarly in a few days perhaps it would be better in the reply not to refer to my private as such, or it prevents my passing a letter to the Circle in nature of "station letter" that I know is an important item in missionary circles. I use to state your letter of such a date & your answer to it at hand, &c. Of course if such inside gleaings of matters are of any use we can occasionally pass them along, but if not I had better not do so. In any case, whatever of personal comes to you does not go into the file but into the waste-basket altogether.

Stapleton Party have been here 12 days, passing the of their time at camp with the Underwoods & Lys. Mrs. C. spent over two days there & one as guest sit with the Cen friends especially, while several we had them at our table in town as well as members of our own circle. Of course we have enjoyed their visit very much, and only regret that it turned our Missionaries Leishman (backed by Mr. Peet) practically vetoed our coming together at Van, but we if one or two more (as delegates per our understanding) come over from V. as so often other years, no

2/ notice could been taken of it. for how should the m 3/
this - he know whether we were cogitating about the m
as playing croquet; and with this thought Mr. St
ton asked in his tel. to Van reporting their safe
rival "if they could not come over" but Dr. R. assum
they did not see their way to come. So another ye
has gone by with not even the N. Eastern E. T. meetin
After so long time of disintegration some of these stan
at least have need to come together to compare notes, g
& give encouragement thereby & especially so for the inexperie
younger workers. Heaven knows I personally need steady
quite enough, but what of Mr. S. of Em who has inherited so
to try one from his predecessors, and all the more as for some reas
he is so slow in getting the language that he has to depend on
interpreter for his public work, as in preaching the ordination sermon to
I didn't know but you could in form of question ask if
had acquired independence in the language but that if so
he better not insist on regular study hours at it & ce
fine himself to that tongue alone; for when he was he
& we were calling on the Eng. Consul, in looking over
books I saw he was writing down some of the Turkis
ones & spoke as though he was to take up the two tongue
together! To begin with he has practically no rs in th
speech from some defect, which makes it harder for the goo
brother I would by no means reflect upon, for we are frien
but I thought you might like my conscientious glimp
of matters now I have been to Em twice within a ye

and now we have had this pleasant visit with them here. He has more the cut of a brisk, bustling business man but in policy & most things seems a hopeful missionary — all the more so from having such a level-headed wife and from having such good, safe workers in the lady teachers there. But questions arise that gentlemen can aim at with gentlemen especially in a mission (whole or partial) meeting that may fall into dangerous grounds when left wholly with one man. Years ago in coming through Eu we found Mr. Richardson was turning over to making upper half of Boys High Sch. building into rooms for missionary some £100 collected on rent of missionary konak belonging to the Board tho I had doubt if he had gained approval of the Rooms. Now Mr. S. has turned over the same konak to be a consulate for some £J. 80 to 90 a year half of which applies on his house of some £J. 30, and likely he has written you as bit. He reasons that such a course is a gain to the Board as for him to live in the konak would prevent the large rent. But I said perhaps the Board would say "not all of the konak to your small family when the Chambers built it large enough for two families." Still quite likely he will have written you, for I suggested that all such moneys were property of the Board & should be reported to it for action ere it were spent for other objects good as they might seem to individuals or separate stations. But please do not think I am finding fault with the

the dear brother, but just giving you a glance through
my poor eyes at him. He has a great & constant
trial with that E. somewhat peculiar people & more es-
pecially its one magnate Aboh. agha you know of.
By the way, I noticed the lady teacher at Van was down at
£90 & Erz's was that or a little less while those of Bitlis
was less by far, as also are the salr. of the missionaries.
It has never ceased to be a surprise to some of us that
much distinction should be made for all wearing ap-
parel of workers in the interior, tea, coffee sugar, &c, &c,
come from Constple if not from beyond & at no little
expense & risk thus run up the price far above what it
on the coast or at Erz. Late Mr. Pierce told us when
we were at Bardizag years ago that he could live in
easier on his salary there than at Erz. Of course I
personally do not like to speak of such things but
certain facts will speak for themselves in such matters.
In such places as Van & Bitlis we need to dress as
well as in Erz eat the same, & keep more horses, for in
late years they can turn to cabs now & then as we cannot.
I don't quite see how they should be allowed £30 in Erz
for rent & we only 15 in B., which does not cover it & so
put it up to £47 for 04. and putting on this to the old p.
use for salary £150 we have 16.7 x .35 = 8.35 + 16.7 = 175.35 or
85 pias. more than I put Dr. his salary in Estimates for 1904.
You will please correct that. I had supposed rent was not
considered part of actual salary 150 upon which would come
5% for child but Mr. Peet thinks that counts as part of salary. See page

Rec. SEP 23 1903 Mr. Cole,

Bitter, Aug. 25/03

SEP 25 1903

Dear Dr. Barton,

With so much going to you this time I will leave over what I had in mind to say of the ordination of Mounsh preacher, one of your old pupils. Will send the next week I trust. When you have no further use for this about the Malasgrd relief will you kindly mail to Miss Mary E. Cole, Tank Hall, especially the photos if not needed by you. Such things left with our children stand in good stead for some future day - possibly in our green old age, if we pass such somewhere in America - None I told you that a boy we

turned out of our school he
some years since found
his way to your Bay State
grew up to be a young man
who has again found his way
back to this land on purpose to
stir up trouble, and holds the place
of a leader in such an irregular
and outlandish course. Still
he is far from being alone
& they all seem to have an
eye on how it turns out
in Macedonia as if one was
to offset the other. All is
fairly quiet here tho' mostly
the ~~the~~ Consul & Vali have gone
to the last place bearing serious
intentions are held by the increased
number of seditious ones in the mts
all the South there. The dear Lord
save the people from folly & death!

Bitlis, Kourdistan, August 31/03

Our dear Friends:- Ans'd SEP 25 1903 Ans'd SEP 25 1903

Ere we turn our backs upon the Summer months a resumé of events since our last Circular June 15th of matters this way may be of interest. The late spring has been followed with backward season & poorer crops. The season has passed about as usual-the Elys & Underwoods being at Camp, while others of us whose birdlings full-fledged have left the home nest, find less attraction & necessity in tent life,so hold on at the Bitlis base.

Coming back from our Erzroum trip to take our Mary E.C.,a few weeks later a relief expedition for Malasgerd regions was entered upon by our Eng.Vice-Consul,W.J.Heathcote,Esq.& the senior missionary of the station. Of course the 200 pounds for the enterprise was a small amount but enough to cause some perplexities,as so often happens in such matters over this way,and so kept us away from duty at the Bitlis center for 17 days-we arriving the 1st inst. Not long after Mr.H.had orders to proceed to Moush where he has been some two weeks,and our Vali went there this last week,-both watching for safety & the best tranquillity possible where the situation seems like an armed truce,tho we hope may be kept back from anything more serious. Our second letter from the consul says he knows not how long he is to be there but hopes not long.

Another severe earthquake shock the 6th at six & half A.M. which would have done serious damage again in Malasgerd if the other had left a chance. It being in the morning after people were at work only 50 lives went,as reported,and they mostly of women at their churns or infants in their cradles! Many of the chief families especially are fleeing the regions,some coming to Bitlis city,Moush or even Erzroum,while others scatter among distant villages

July 10th came near witnessing a panic in market over a stbbing affair between two Kourds one of whom was charged with turning aside a customer for a few plas.cotton-spinning deal. One death followed,and for all the vigilance of Govt.a few days later another seemed resulted from attempts at revenge! It was about this time we had formidable tourists at the Consulate in Messrs. Sykes & Smith from Eng.-they havinga caravan of some thirty animals.Owing rheumatism of the former they took shipping from Tadwan with such result that if they did not'wish for day'they did take to land not far on the shore -so foolish were they & all who would make time or comfort over this sea!

Tho we were deprived of the gathering at Van meeting the Erzeroum contingent returned home via Bitlis-giving us a good visit of some twelve days. Their Tel.of this date reports them as safe in their homes again at Erzroum. We also hear this day by her letter of arrival with her brother in N.Y.city of our daughter,after a successful,cool but slow Atlantic voyage,on the 5th.

Last but hardly least in importance,as the lone Parson for this great field would say,has been the ordination as evangelist for the Moush regions especially & to take the place of late Rev.Hagop Kaprielian,of Krikor Stepanian,preacher at Moush. Tho he has kept putting off the question he finally yielded,arrived in B.not till Sat'y P.M.the 15th ult.when we at once summoned a council for examining him & listening to his interesting Xn.experience;and when all proved satisfactory it was decided to proceed with the ordination the next day(Sab.)which we did at the noon service,Mr.Stapleton of Erzroum Preaching the sermon,the Right hand being given by the writer.who felt a peculiar joy at having this so timely assistant come forward at last from his"boys"so he may not feel obliged to turn out at all times & seasons for that part of the field at least. Sincerely yours, Watchman.

Bitlis, Aug. 31, 1903

Ans'd SEP 25 1903 Bitlis, Kourdistan, Sept. 1st. 1902.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Sec'y of A.B.C.F.M., Boston, Mass. Rec'd SEP 25 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Seems to me I barely announced to you last week the ordination of our Evangelist on the 16th ult. Perhaps you will be interested in the candidate,- I know you will, for he was once your pupil at Hpt. in Theol'y. He deported himself well before the Council we extemporized, almost subpoenaed on the evening of his arrival from Moush, and parts of his Christian experience had special interest for us & probably will have for you also.

Originating among the Kourdish mountains, between Bitlis & Sassoun he was left without a father before nine years old; but his mother, ignorant as she was, longed for his education but hoped he would return to her afterwards. Finding their way into this city, friends plead his case with the late, well-remembered Mr. Knapp who received him into school long before our time in Bitlis. Having no means of his own to meet expenses, he was excluded for a time, but later by some help from the Lord was again accepted & so completed our high school course, following which he was sent to Harpoot at the Board's expense to study theology. Graduating at the end of the course there he was licensed by the Ministerial Association to preach the Gospel, which he has done with acceptance for these ten years, most of the time in the large Kourdish village of some 2000 inhabitants. He & his young wife were there during the bloody orgies of 1895 when more than two score of lives were lost there & many of the houses were plundered. But under the leadership of one of his people who had a friend among the Koords they found a refuge at the latter's near village till the indignation was overpassed somewhat. On their venturing back home they found the house plundered, save most of the books which the wild Koords naturally had no use for. This pulpit will be poor rather at present from jealousy & fear in giving the spoils it found for its hapless lodgement for a brief time the horse-stable compost to hide it from another foe. Yet! The few days that was spent in fair condition & some other things, but for a season for their own escape & return of some of their things it took about one-fourth of their stipend for the year. Such a fright told on them & especially the wife, but they worked on there till last year when it seemed best to transfer them to Moush city, in hope he might be ordained as evangelist for that region. He has started in well, infusing new life into that people as he did that of Bitlis, in self-support lines. He seems also gaining the confidence of officials there & so was quickly granted papers to go as dragoman to Harpoot with Prof. & Mrs. Merrill recently, they asking no questions. The ordination services on Sunday made a deep impression on the full audience present, partly from its novelty no doubt. A lump would rise in our throats from joy that at last this one of our "boys" has come forward in this important way to relieve us so much in the pastoral work of that part of the field. Nor could we fail to speak of the joy it would be to Mrs. Alzina Knapp of Colorado Springs, who with her worthy husband, the late Rev. J. L. Knapp, had the honor of receiving him to school & teaching him long ago as he had come to Bitlis. After speaking of the late dark times for Christians & confessing how at a time when so many were out fating, he thought of the loss of life at the return have terrible e[illegible] "I persisted in for these losses, - I think God has called me to [illegible] nevertheless, for Providence has led me all the way. Seeing the sufferings of my people, and realizing the sacrifice of these missionaries in leaving friends & native land to labor for the good of our race, how much more am I under obligation to continue in this noble work of preaching Christ & lifting up of the race. These are some of the reasons that [illegible] consecrate my life to this high duty, and I ask you to pray for me that I may continue faithful in this calling. Pray for a glimpse of that Cab. Service & its subject. Sincerely, [illegible] Cole.

See over.

P.S. Already I am gaining help & encouragement fro
new "Badvelly" Krikore. He took hold in a public m
ment of a couple we are to marry in our B. Congre
soon & on the 21st took my place in going to a
village to marry a couple there. Took the pulpit
here, now that the B. preacher is having trouble with
visited his old charge at Khoulting giving to the
and their present teacher help & encouragement
should have done in going.

By the way, why not you turn over this evange
some church to care for & if possible in a way be
daily, 325 pies. the month, may be left us to fi
six graduates soon to go out from our Boys
& who should have salaries for the year insta
six months as we put them on the Estimates fo
think of this and if you can get them ad,
you have this photo I think in a large gro
of which he is at one end of the row & his li
daughter & the teacher of orphans at M(& who a
in between them) are at the other. If the m
friends should desire it we might send another,
to of him. Please let us know the prospect.

But you already have enough from my pen
the enclosures so I must stop.

All in usual health. The Hs have this day mo
down from camp & he now being in our room
joins us in cordial greetings.

Yours R. M. Cole

Rec'd OCT 22 1903

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Bitlis, Sept 22/03

Ans'd NOV 14 1903

Dear Dr. Barton;

The enclosed photos will explain
inselves with what is written on their backs.
veral of them are as I took them in
glasgerd region but had to send the films
Erzroum to be developed so could not send
m on before. Should you need any of them
ll & good, otherwise would you kindly send
our daughter recently gone from us here
(Teacher)
who would have special interest in them & keep
m for us personally, if we ever reach that land,
m the sound of the grinding is low" --- but "be
e the silver cord be ~~broken~~ loosed" &c. the green old age
riod, if God be pleased to grant it to us in native land.
e are all in usual health. At some risk Dr. H. &
ss M. Ely went to Moush & the former sent a brief note of
inst. saying all was quiet - no disturbances. But from
e we hear there is great danger of such very soon coming
insurgents being gathered in the Sassoun mts. Our Eng. official
s here order from Consul authorizes the attacks on revs. as soon
nomad Kounds go southward tho I much fear they may enter
problem tho in going to Khoutig village over the mts for this
y Sab. I saw such Ks. had begun to move from our regions.
ree of the photos show off the Boards properties, while
r of our new evangelist you may care to use with
ich I sent as ordination. Later should a ch. or Ev. Soc.

wish to adopt him as I wrote you I might send photo of him with his wife & little daughter of six years I admitted to the Ch. on profession, as I did last Spring. My wonder what the prospect for your getting a new missionary for Bitlis. Mr & Mr. Herbert Allen & his aged father & sister & dang. all of whom did not seem to be cared for at Hpt. on coming out to Bardezag; but no place has found for them. Perhaps we should say when we become somewhat shifted in E. T. then W. T. will "bear us up", for not a few rather out of favor in the interior have been taken up on these last years as we happen to know. It seems a bit hard who have carried so much could not have had some readjustment accommodation, as has been done with so many & as is the rule almost often in this world to give a change & possibility and must it come to that we hold on the same or be forced resign here when it is too late to take up work in native & when ones life almost has been so given to Turkey. By the way, Dr. M. E. Burnham of Pilgrim Ch. Sh. Ill. writes me of his interest in getting what I wrote for Soc. supporting me, but said Dr. Daniels report some Ch. in New Eng. wished to take me so he had consented to give me up. But we know not what Ch. it may be tho heard from Bangor, Me. or the churches that of doing so & perhaps wrote your office but were informed Sh. Louis had me so took another.

With cordial greetings from this segment of the vale from Miss Ely elect to still hold on at camp with many of her girls tho her sister is almost

Sincerely
R. M. Lee

The Bitlis American Mission.

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Sept 29-1903

Ans'd NOV 14 1903

W. W. Peet Esq.
Treas.r of the Eastern Turkey Mission

Dear Sir:-

Ans'd NOV 14 1903

In your communication of the 19th inst. you speak as though "the Government had succeeded in unearthing revolutionary plots in Bitlis."

We beg to submit here at our earliest opportunity that we as a mission are wholly unconscious of any such existence in town, or as to any finding of the same here on the part of government; there being, therefore, this so important lack in facts, so far as we can learn from careful investigation & consultation, naturally we do not believe it has any bearing on what may or may not be conditions at Harput.

That there are agitators about, mostly as transients, we have no doubt, from what we hear, though having no relations whatever with them we know not what they would say respecting the government charge you refer to, if they were to speak out it might not be reliable.

We believe the center for whatever movement may be thought of for these parts is found in Russia whence small reinforcements for Sassoun both in men & arms from time to time, are said to be arriving. while all their eyes seem eagerly fixed on more, in Moush. It is quite possible his Excellency, the Vali, now for sometime at Moush city, may have come into possession of some such information as leads him

to report to his superiors of your city in the nature of what you divulge. Rumors here have it parties in Sassoun, as agitators from outside that province have sent his Excellency a threatening sort of ultimatum signed & sealed in formidable manner, and that document may have constituted the base for the wall construction.

This much as our firm conviction respecting said so-called conspiracy formation in this city, or there being any relations whatever on any such matters with Harpout.

On behalf of the Mission,

Bitlis, Kourdistan,
Sept. 29th 1903

R. M. Cole,
Chairman

Dear Dr. Barton; This hasty copy of what I typed to Mr. Peet should explain itself, & I thought it might be of interest for you to glance at & throw in the waste basket; as all such straws show how the wind blows out this way. We are happy to say that Dr. H. is doing quite as well as could be expected for one getting up from typhoid he thinks he took of his patients here, but it did not develope till a short time after reaching Moush whence he was brought back in moffah attached to poles resting on mens shoulders. But likely Miss M. Ely's letter will explain all such things & need not go over it. This post we learned our children had telegraphed upon asking when the van party were leaving as Nellie wished to come with them but they had to close the letter ere the up had come; so we are in suspense as to her. Likely considering

P.S. If you send my letters to English V. Consul Diabekir, he will forward them to whatever place I may be to next. J.E.

Diabekir,
9th May. '03.

Answd June 9/03

Dear Mr Cole,

Many thanks for yours of 18th Apr. with printed report of 15th inst. both of which reached me here 2 days ago, also the letter &c. from Persia. I did not let you know I was coming on here, as I thought you would receive no further letters for me as Mr Peel was sending them to Mardin.

I also I think received a letter from you whilst in Mardin for which many thanks, also the cutting from Mr Freeman. I was sorry to hear Mr F. had had another bad turn. His successor Mr Hetherite arrived here yesterday & I therefore take this opportunity of sending a letter by him.

I suppose the Mardin friends will be reporting the work there so it's

This learned will doubtless be glad to find that Mr Hetherite has a day, from which the many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] &c.

not necessary for me to say much about it. I stayed 20 days in Mardin, but owing to sore throat was only able to preach 29 times instead of 49 as in Bitlis. My work there was one of the most difficult I have had so far, I don't know whether it was because the Church was very dead or because Syrians are less responsive than Armenians. At any rate it was uphill work but I believe that in the end the Lord got the victory, & that a number of souls were blessed.

In one service when speaking of the Joy of Conversion I told that a young man in Bitlis had got so much joy that he came back twice in order to thank me & said that he did not know how to thank God enough, nor could I tell him how. ~~There~~ I had thought there was but little fruit from the work in Mardin, until the last night when a young man came to thank me because, he said "I have got more joy than the young man in B. that you told us of" - "I have been born again in the services, & have got a new life." Praise the Lord!

I left Mardin 8 days ago, hoping to spend 10 days here & then go to Urfa. Before leaving I had to give up 2 services on account of sore throat, which I hoped would be better when I reached here. However, being caught in a thunder-storm on the road, it has become worse & the doctor says that unless I rest for 2 or 3 weeks it will be permanently spoilt & I will have chronic ~~pha~~ pharyngitis. Certainly it is very sore & I am reluctantly compelled to abandon preaching for a time. I suppose I have been doing too much yet. I have only been able to have 5 services here.

Mardin 2/14

[illegible] for [illegible] journey [illegible] Mardin

to Rev. Hagop. Andonian but he has left here & Baron Abraham is the preacher. He knows some English, but not much armenian, my Armenian interpreter is Baron Warlam of Tarkiny, a very fine fellow.

I do not know where I will go to rest, but probably will return to Mardin as there are no male missionaries in Urfa, & I don't know what accomodation they have there; Harput is said to be crowded. I pray God that He will guide aright, & trust you will remember me in prayer. Hope you & Miss Mannie will have a pleasant & safe journey to Erzroum, please remember me to her & to Mrs Cole. I have heard nothing from Erzroum so do not contemplate going there.

With Christian regards to yourself & all the Missionary Circle

Yours in His Love & Service,

John Lo[illegible]

Mr. R. M. Cole

My dear Bro. Sir:—

The missionary committee of the Seminary proposes to continue the Sunday morning prayer service in the parlor of Hodge Hall during the coming year and it asks your early attention to this request and your prayers for God's help that we may know how to pray this year to accomplish great things for God in all the world. We believe this missionary prayer meeting has in the past been one of the best meetings at the Seminary and that God has used it to interest many of the students in the world wide work who otherwise would have been more or less indifferent to the work of Christ in foreign parts. And this has been due not a little to the fresh definite news we have received each week from definite men in definite fields, so if you will think of sending your response in good time for the meeting in which part or the whole of your letter will be read you will help not a little in maintaining the helpful character of these

meetings and at the same time will be speaking for missions while in the field. This meeting has been productive in another direction. It has taught us something of prayer. You will be the subject of definite, urgent prayer on the 29th day of November 1903. Please state in your letter in reply to this any particular needs which you would desire to have us present to God on that day. Missionary interest at the Seminary the past year has been true and deep, but not as widespread as the year before. Three or four of the Senior class this year were accepted by the board while several were rejected for physical reasons. The present Senior class barring providential hindrances promises to send a large number to the far away fields. Pray for us that the spirit of self sacrifice, the spirit of willing service be ours that we may be ready to go wherever the Lord of the harvest wishes us to go. Pray that we may be guided in the bringing before every man in the Seminary the great question of the place of his ministry in the great harvest field of the Lord.

And may God call many to build where no man has yet laid foundations.

May God bless you and yours in your work and life, preserving your health and granting you ever widening glimpses of the glory of the Lord. May the consciousness of the fact that "of the increase of his kingdom there shall be no end" dispel your fears & doubts and inspire you in the work of the Lord.

Yours in Christian love & fellowship

Guy L. Morrill.

My dear Mr Cole:—

The "hasty missive" which you wrote on your return from a horseback journey & in spite of other & pressing duties was indeed unique & helpful. And we look forward to your letter this year with equal interest & expectation

[illegible] "Cabinet" in Hedgeroe Parlor.

Detail figure work is what interests us & permits us to get nearer you & your work. The great movement [illegible] of more or less.

The sum of money left the seminary has reach $2,300.00 a very tidy sum.

Hoping to have a speedy reply to this note I am very truly yours in Christian love

Guy R. Morrill.

REC'D OCT 17 1903

search for a missionary for Batis you will be
glad of any pointers no doubt. Through a letter
prompted by a niece of mine & her husband who has
just taken a year at Hartford seminary the he & she
both are graduates of Whitman College Walla Walla, Wash.
Mr. McLean of Chicago they think specially fitted
in this field, & they know him also in that Theol Semy
here they also took a year's study - She like her hus-
band going right on with the studies. They had heard
Mr. Emery & Mr. Tracey of Hartford were talked
of in this way, but they did not think them so well fitted.
I speak off for what it is worth. Certain it is good
luck, patience & perseverance are in demand up
here. I put my scratch right on here so as to give
you a chance to see the spirit of old Princeton where
took a year of my theol course, if perchance you
would care to round any of the students there, & you
may know several from N. Y. here also from old P.
& Evangelist Mr. John Campbell whose letter I
hope might be inclined to consider taking up work
here from the way he talked here, but more for evangelistic
work they would lap over into other fields as well. They
coming it would enlist a new constituency in London, Eng.
other regions for he lives in London. I thought I would
as these missives on for you to glance at, if you care to,
throwing which you can cast away.
Mr. Underwood & Miss M. A. C. Ely are just leaving this date
a medical visit in Moosh regions. Conditions are not
inviting but how long are the workers to hold on looking at
clouds before rowing! They will always have strong Gov't guard
to make a long tour. All in usual health. Our outlook for American
institutions" dark, if what the Congressional says is true; but from Dr. Bis note, Mr.

Arrived Oct. 29/01

Rev. R. M. Cole
Missionary
Bitlis, Turkey.

PRINCETON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY.

Oct. 1, 1901

Dear Brother:-

The students of the Seminary have long esteemed it their great privilege, as well as their duty, to remember in prayer those who have gone forth from their number to preach the Gospel in foreign lands. We have arranged to remember you and your work in special prayer at our regular missionary prayer on Sabbath morning, ~~Dec. 8th~~ Dec. 1st, 19.

Believing that prayer, to be effective, should be as definite as possible, we should be very glad to receive a letter from you by that date, stating the striking features of your work, your encouragements, difficulties and special needs for which you would have our prayers.

We, in turn, request your prayers for our dear old Seminary, that spirituality and zeal for the extension of God's Kingdom may be deepened. You will be glad to learn that the missionary interest here promises to be strong, and that several of our number are definitely looking toward foreign service. Pray that more of us may be sent out into this great work.

Assuring you of our continued interest and prayers, and hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

Yours, in the Master's service,

C. B. Dodd
203 Hodge Hall
Princeton N. J.
M. S. L.

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NOV 16 1903

Bitlis Turkey via Constp
Oct. 20/03

ANS'D NOV 17 1903

Dear Dr. Barton:

On coming back from a turn among a
ns of the villages on west shore of the lake I found
uns of 25th ult. - one of them personal, while one
the 16th had come to hand previously.
As to the question of our Nellie I thought I made it
ar that she was not able to do full sch. work so
s to continue her course, or naturally we should
ke to have her complete her Ednl course. But we
lt (and Dr. H. gave much importance to this view
perhaps suggesting it from what we told him
her health) by her coming out for two or three
rs she would build up physically from outdoor
e & some useful occupation her doctor prescribes,
ile at the same time she ought with her language
to look & acquaintance with the people to be of some
e aside from the comfort she would be to her mamma
this last of itself would not lead us to plead for it.
r thought was to expect no allowance for her unless
me help be given on her traveling expenses, as
hops has & is being done in similar cases. With
the grown up children (Wheelers, Allens & Barnum,
came to Aph & now aged Mr. O. P. Allen & his daughter
in company with the Sons & family to Bardezag
wonder if it has all been as personal expense.

As we understood it Miss Emma Barnum was
hardly graduate of the High Sch. while Nellie is
stood high in her class, but she worked too hard
We have little hope these Ely sisters will make a
or Countenance such for any body or thing for the
an associate in work for woman while Miss Knapp
alive, however much the work in that department may
For that reason we can make no move as to perma
for her (Nellie) though were she to come here for a ti
this way she likely would so win her way with them,
she does with others everywhere, that at least when
seemed no further hope for Miss K. (as Dr. H. thin
probable & we feeles) she might grow into perm
nency, tho neither she nor we think of it now in the
Of course we do not urge you to incur expense or
account, especially if it has not been done in abo
cited, but may decide to have her come out in
early Spring to be cheered & benefited by mam
while she in turn benefits her - a mutual good you
It may be this or it may be we shall think of ca
into use the vote for her mamma passed by the Mi
in connection with our daughters now arrived in the
and so she go home while I take it out alon
again, as in the past, unless our new associa
arriving so we could be both come along, for
is not easy to have ailing children so left - there now

Personal.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Consul
Oct. 20/03

Dear Dr. Barton

Ans'd NOV 17 1903

Hatchman will give you briefly the news, such as is worth going over & so I will only refer in a most hasty way to some things in your personal, as also in your general one passed round the circle as a "station letter".

No doubt Mr. Stapleton because of slight defect in speech will find it harder to get the language but if he will come down to "this one thing I will do" I think he will conquer fairly well. He should not rely on interpreters so much, nor should he think of attempting Turkish as a study, as seemed his plan from the way he was writing down Turkish words at the Consulate here & from the remark he made. He seems an enthusiastic brother & as you hint would done better no doubt - had clearer deeper judgment, had he not been left so alone. Still we are hoping for the best, & as you hint so may it be that at least N. E. E. T. M. may meet in the Spring which should level up many of our ideas.

As to Dr. Underwoods health, as perhaps I have written you in the past, he is not strong. In his trip to Malasgird he had a few sick days in a village, and now he has been

been through typhoid he took here, but it appeared in Moush, &c. as Watchman points out. But he is coming up from it fairly well, as appears. He is a pleasant young brother & associate & we hope he may be stronger when fully acclimated.

As for politics you get that in notes about all it is well to write. Pastor Kreikore (to whom by the way I will pass on your greetings & congratulations) writes me this post in a way that makes us feel more anxious for those parts again; for they are seen in trepidation. Still we may be as safe here for the present as they are at Cesarea though its rather a long step for us to reach any of the gunboats, if an event did occur again. But I can hardly believe such an order will be given as in '95 & without such Govt. chief officials should be able to restrain very open outbreaks, one would think, tho in fanatical regions in a panic something might start to cause some disaster ere "regulars" could get it under control.

Excuse this very hasty leaflet.

All in usual health.

As ever yours,

R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Oct. 20, 1903.

Bitlis, Kourdistan, October 20th, 1903

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Our dear Friends:-

Dr.U.& Miss M.Ely went on a tour to Moush in Sept.-he in hopes of medical work; he was tired on leaving & had been treating several typhoid patients & thinks he took the disease from them tho it did not appear till for 4 days after their arrival at M. At much risk when the fever was upon him they started back-he being brought in sort of litter on men's shoulders. The much reduced in strength so it seemed best to Tel.for Dr.Thom who could not come owing to special hospital demands, still Mrs.U.has been so successful in treating the case that, thank God, he is already about the house.

The time of harvest is over, tho some grain lingers in the floor from oppressive course of tithe-farmers who, in some cases, tried to force villages to buy them out at a higher figure, or to pay a bonus to set measuring going which when begun often proceeded with a straight-edge for the poor harvester while the farmer discarding it rounds up the measure for self with his own hands! This together with the new tax on domestic animals virtually stopped grain coming into market till recently-whole caravans sometime turning back when approaching in hopes of escaping the taxation. Of course this run up the price of grain & caused some to gnash their teeth! One sheikh from a village was reported to say "Just let a live soul come & attempt my animals!" etc. It might be said that some effort was made to push taxgatherers into entering foreigners' stable to numbers their animals, but getting no encouragement it was waived

The Eng.Vice-Consul arrived here from Moush, and Bad.Krikor Stepanian started back for that placee on Sept.3d. The former rather tired of his "three mortal weeks" delay as if something was to take place, seemed glad to get out of it, more especially as under such surveillance & with no dragoman, he could fish up little information-the most staunch fearing to approach him.

The Vali, always in poor health, only reached B.the 13th inst.as if "to visit his family," but obviously had another order & so rushed right back on the 16 tho not able to ride a horse, but took a freight wagon instead. Most will have heard of the conflict over near the border & between "revs" & regulars" with rather serious loss on both sides; but enough of said "gentry" made their escape to add to the contingent supposed to be in Sassoun that may need no little watching to prevent another disaster; rumor, however, has it such has already taken place in two villages below Sourp Carabed monastery, but such as this is doubtful of course. There was considerable excitement in market at the escapade near the Russian border & most of all when five mountain guns were hastily started in that direction but seem to have stopped at the khan.

But we dwell in safety notwithstanding threats & diversions that are bandied about often causing Xns.to flee the market on the slightest excuse. Murder & robbery are quite too common to be mentioned here & not always Xns.at that, for what cares the robber for race if there be hope of good plunder!

Miss C.Ely & the writer took a turn among villages on west end of the lake passing last Sab.with Communion in two villages-the poor people seeming not a little comforted in their so disconsolate circumstances. The reserves (Hamidiehs) we saw being disarmed by a splendid official up temporarily from Mardin in Malasgerd region recently are now being hastily re-armed by the new official, as if to be sent away. Alas for such changes as result in revenge for restitution of former plunder! Already we hear of one whole family swept from the board in that region, even the infant in the cradle being mangled to death. On the 6th inst.from 6-8 P.M.we had one of the finest luna eclipses we have seen anywhere, but bedlam was let loose from pounding of pans, firing guns, shouting of children, etc.as if the old Monster might be frightened away from swallowing the "Queen of night"

Cordially to all,

Watchman, R.M.

P.S. Her Dear a copy of this was not sent Dr. Barton; so please pass this to him as soon as you have read it & oblige-

Bitlis, Oct 20/1903

Rev. R. M. Cole
Bittles, Oct. 20, 1903

J. M. Bell

Erzeroum Oct. 29, 1903

Rev. R. M. Cole

Dear Sir -

Nine days ago when we return back from Erzingan - I found at home yours of 6th Oct. Thanks for it. We are glad that you all well & healthy.

yes I am glad for the journeys with Mr. Stapleton in all the field of this state. Of course Mr. Stapleton reported you minutely. The reason of my not going at first time to Khanous was especially the summer hose, when we spent some weeks.

yes I visit to my native village & stay there only one day. I saw there Br. Arsen who was busy with renewing the buildings wall. I am glad that you continue to keep one there as teacher & preacher. At night I call the brethren and spoke to them about their duty and assisting to building & to teacher, I read & pray with them and on the next day I left home.

About the new received members at Cheverme I can't tell you minutely, because I was doing only my duty - that is translating Mr. Stapletons' thoughts. yet I did not find any revival there as in certain places. Mr. S. ask from Cheverme's people for joining to the church: immediately more than twenty men &

Rev. R. M. Cole

women show their desire and all of them r
in the church. In one day - Sunday - we preach
three villages of Khanous. We return home over Pa
staying & preaching on next Sunday in that two vill
ges. After resting at home one week we start
again for Erzingan & Kamakh. We pass over E
gan & went to Hazarig & Pakarige. We preached in b
places in one Sunday. How hilly were their roa
& villages? Some of the old brethren there remem
you cordially, and told them about you.
After it we return back to Erzingan & stay the
ays. On Sunday before noon we had communion an
preach after noon. One day when we are were wa
in the city some of the boys were crying after
"see this is Mr. Cole". I was glad hearing your na
suddenly from the mouths of children there.

I would be glad if that boy could be rec
in your school. I did not get the answer of
letter from Miss Elys about my sister, plea
remember me to them.

We are all well with our little ones. Zarhoo
& her mother join me with kind regards to
and to Mrs. Cole.

Yours sincerely Arshak Vartanian

P.S. Br. Arshak Kakigian ask me to write you his,

Bitlis, Dec.20th, 1902.

Dear Friends:-

Here so near to Xmas & New Years we at B.can boast of no l winter weather yet-the coldest being only six degrees of frost so far. have,however,had ten inches of snow in three installments on different es; but again it has gone to the Mt.tops,pursued by rain & a warm sun. We already find no little help & comfort in the newly ordained evangelist, .Arikor L.Stepanian,located at Moush for his center; there he is in charge the branch orphanage,as also of town Sch.with separate divisions for boys irls-he being ably assisted in the former by a new graduate of our High ool in B.while a pupil from Mt.Holyoke here teaches the girls in their Sch. Evangelist took our place in attending to a wedding the next day after ordination,while the following Sab.he went to another village,his old charge the church ordinances-thus sparing us two trips in opposite directions. weeks later he came on from Moush again to accompany Miss Ely in a tour 15 days in the Akhlat & Toulanik regions-a most important visit for an or- ined man,so that Ch.ordinances with accompanying meetings be held on time. th naught but a woman & the pastor with for no particular attention was an them-their one respectable zabtieh being with them for the round trip, place of the two to five we foreign male hatwearers are often afflicted h,not to speak of harrassing surveillance & open obstruction now & then! a word their trip was a success with ordinances in three & marriage in place at least,but most abject poverty confronted them on every hand. On November 9th our American colony(save Miss Ely away on above tour)with Persia Mission contingent of Rev.Messrs.McDowell & Starrett,did honor to g Edward's birthday at the Vice-Consulate at one o'clock P.M.-a pleasant asionin quarters enlarged by our passing to Mr.Heathcote rooms formerly upied by our German orphan boys but now housed elsewhere at less expense. Later on good old Thanksgiving had suitable recognition at the Coles with our foreign colony present which naturally includes Mr.Heathcote,a good access- to our Circle,a man of unusual literary turn for such officials;he at- ds our praise service in English Sunday afternoons-playing the organ for us, e his predecessor he plans a skating rink,but with no colder weather will similarly unsuccessful,so far as now appears,but there is time yet for it. Pleasant as was our short visit with the Persia missionaries we were sor- for the disappointment that came to Mr.Starrett in his health-decline that ced him to leave his associate & return to Van from S'ert regions. He d it hard to keep heart in the people,for added to usual poverty comes cattle disease that leaves few of the scanty number of oxen debtors & is, not taken,and how are they to cultivate their fields the coming year? seem to feel the heavens above are brass,for the new tax on animals is be collected even tho only their carcasses cast outside,are to be seen! But last & not least we might refer to the graduating exercises for six ils in our Boys'High Sch.that took place Nov.5th.As some of these had been teaching last winter more time was called for to complete their course & ay might as well soon follow close of work here by taking up teaching out- e,which they have done & a few undergraduates as well with fair enthusiasm, e graduates deported themselves so well the last year that some of the in- ructors lacking in praise before changed their tone & all our hearts are ccred as we get encouraging letters from them at their new posts. One of ese boys is the son of a priest who has been chided for sending his boy to ate Sch.but what will they say when ere long he evidently will be admitted the Prot.Ch.on confession.Some of his classmates have been received al- ady,while most of the others seem ready to take this responsible step. r good Dr.U.is doing the honors of Saiyan calls to-day,in company with the eacher. All in usual health & send holiday greetings. Watchman.

Rev. R. W. Carlen
Bethel Par.
Sept 1903

Personal

REC'D JAN 19 1904

Bitlis, Dec. 22nd 1903

ANS'D JAN 27 1904

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Here after getting thy Dec. accts. off I am not able to do much in reply to your kind letter of the 5th ult.; but I can put in Watchman's page in news and will here dash off a personal note to you on a few matters.

We thank you for sympathy shown us as looking to a change. For some reason none have spoken out as to why they in N. Y. preferred Mr. Crawford to us, for he was not in favor in that mission at one time. Perhaps it was because of his knowledge of modern Greek. Glad are we if you have prospect of a new man for B. & as you hint there should be a lady teacher in sight as well. Who shall say you may not conclude to send our Nellie in with the new family, if one comes in the Spring, or with Miss Lord to return to Erz the coming season. As I must have told you in the letter that had just reached you our thought was that in his coming she could so help us out in the work for a few years the Board should be willing to help on her passage out, while we will see she is not hungry out here after arrival without salary. Ladies have been sent out from Eng. & Germany to help in care of orphans only, that cost perhaps five times as much as she would & yet had no language nor experience in the land to turn to so much as she would she

even in that Dept while with us she would be a
helpful in many lines, especially for the mother who
this period in her life needs more tender treatment
However, it hardly becomes us as parents to push the
case though others you have met & talked with & written
to might perhaps do so with more propriety than
But better, perhaps that I drop this subject. The Lord be
Thank you for your frankness in speaking of other m
sionary children being or not being sent back to their fa
You again refer to Mr. Stapleton. It occurs to
you might be interested in glancing through a letter
destroyed afterwards - of the two present preacher a
pupils of ours here & I think yours as Apl. as he
classmate of the new evangelist Rad. Krikore now at Mo
You will see what he reports of touring with Mr. S.
how he still translates for him. But the thing that arr
our attention at B. was to see how hasty notice was g
out & a score come right up for ch. membership when
had been no religious awakening & special meetings held
did so once before in Khozlou as well as this Chevern
village, a year or two ago. Churches may be too particu
in their candidates but there should be some test we suppo
Without referring to enclosed letter or any information so
what he is sure to have given you in letters as to so mu
increase in membership, perhaps you might think wise
ask after such summary gathering in unless missi
methods are verily changed & we know it not. So foolish

Hastily, Cordially R. M.

Bitlis, Turkey, Dec. 29th, 1903.

Friends:-

You may have a sad interest in what "The Week's Progress", an interesting little magazine from 150 Fifth Ave. N.Y. quotes from the Washington Post as written by Genl. George B. Williams on "Our Activities in Turkey." It says as introductory on part of said little magazine. In a recent letter to the Washington Post Gen. George B. Williams charged that our consular service has been unwarrantably employed in certain parts of the Turkish Empire. To quote him in regard to the American missionary Schools: "And the Armenian students & graduates of these schools gradually imbue themselves with the idea that they are no longer Turkish subjects, but a privileged class under the protection of the United States Government. They consequently, when opportunity occurs foment political disturbances and are generally at the bottom of the internal intrigues of the country. The missionaries ask the United States to protect these schools, to urge the Porte to recognize this protection, to have United States consuls appointed at certain points where these schools are numerous, etc. etc., And the United States is doing their bidding- in violation of treaties, of laws, of common decency, and common sense". The Post says: "Gen. Williams is an american citizen of high standing & repute. He has spent many years of travel in Turkey, Greece, the Balkan Principalities, and Russia, and as his business has not been to meddle with the affairs of the different countries he visited, to exploit propagandas, or to push unwelcome enterprises for his own profit, he may reasonably accepted as a witness both impartial & intelligent. He makes these accusations specifically, declaring that he knows whereof he speaks. He says that the State Department has established consulates in Turkey at places where there is no American trade or business interests of any kind to warrant them, simply and solely for the purpose of encouraging & protecting Turkish subjects in an attitude of hostility toward their lawful government". Finally, he declares that this astounding policy has borne & is bearing its inevitable fruit of political turmoil, treasonable agitation, and widespread disorder with all their tragic consequences. The arraignment, infact, amounts to this: that the rapine, massacre, and devastation in so-called 'Armenia', with the reeking chronicles of which we are from time to time regaled, are largely-and legitimately the results of our own Government's mischievous interference in the domestic affairs of a country with which we profess to be on amicable terms!

""These are terrible accusations. They are accusations which no honorable and civilized government can afford to overlook. If they be justified, even partially, by the facts, the constitute a stain upon our national escutcheon which we cannot too soon or too effectually erace.""

To pass along the above lest some of you may not see what a so-called "impartial & intelligent General" can say of how Uncle Sam listens to the beck & nod of missionaries. Bethinks some of us call out "Outrageous falshood" to most of the above that may be a fake of the good General's brain, or a touch of his careless pen possibly for political effect.

Watchman.

Bitlis, January 8th, 1904.

Dear E.T.Friends:-

Owing to lapse late years in any form of Mission meeting either in entirety or divisions doubtless queries with us all arise on certain matters leading us to wonder what the fraternity might say were such questions to be read from the old-time Anl.Meeting Docket & come up for discussion. Here is one for Bitlis & has more to do with the Coles who for years have occupied the Prot.people's parsonage.

A few in the Mission were on the ground at the time, & may recall that said building was, in late Mr.Knapp's & Mr.Burbank's time, purchased for ~~1000~~ 12,000 pias.half of which at least was given by the Board, but the papers were made out in the name of the people, rather in name of one of their number. Later on when the Kourdish neighbor gave trouble to the school-alleging as excuse "noise of the boys", for all his house is away in the rear, but more in hope of money, it may be feared, to hush his own cursing noise & secure peace Mr.Z. in the olden time paid Liras 100, besides putting up the wall to assign to this property & the schools that part of the square by rights already theirs, and later on rear of the parsonage another line-wall all at expense of the Board, so far as I know. I speak of these expenditures to show the situation for clearer ideas & to show the relation of the property to the Board.

Previous to the occupancy of the house by the Coles late pastor Simon & family lived in it under its old form for some 500 pias.rent; when later it was empty & a residence was needed for the Cs.after no little searching in a town usually thought to afford few wholesome, suitable places for missionaries' families they decided to try to put the old so dilapidated building into habitable shape on advanced rent & with the thought & verbal understanding that when the well on to 100 Liras spent was covered by suitable estimate for its rent thereafter the income should count on pulpit expenses. For some years now, aside from expense in repairs & taxes, after squaring the regular expenditure, over 42 Liras has accumulated & is deposited in our Safe. But, instead of letting any of it apply on pulpit expenses hitherto, they are of late rather pressing the question of putting up a smaller house than this to accommodate their preacher & so leave this to again accumulate rent.

We ought, perhaps, say that since the improvements put upon it with advanced rent they have run up the rent for the missionary to 15 Liras in place of the old 500 pias.for the pastor in the old dilapidated structure, though as rent goes in this ward it is not high only that with no entrance save through the Sch.yard it is not eligible to officers or those able to pay such high rent.

Now held as the building is in their name, in your opinions should we attempt to dictate as to place & expenditure of this money-insist on its being put on pulpit expenditure here when they pay less than half of preacher's salary, & his rent outside rests on the Board in proportion? Previous to the dark events of '95 it was arranged that present preacher come here at half of expense from the people which they said meant rent as well. When we have objected that the Board would not accept rent for such a place they began all the more to cogitate about building, as above. With all the loss in life & property of '95 they say 'What can we pay & so we must provide against rent of our preacher and at same leave the parsonage to accumulate rent for future emergencies. How will you separately or as stations give us your matured judgment on this matter soon so that we may refer to it if need be. Please be as prompt in it as may be & oblige.

Yr R. M. Cole

H. L. Underwood.

Personal.

Bitlis, Jan. 23/04

Dr. Barton;

Yours of the 5th ult. brought us the A.M. B's appros for 1904, and we are very thankful you did not reduce their amt. and now I am going to be cheeky enough to say that we at Bitlis feel very strongly we should have more than the long-time-ago rate of 18% fixed by the mission. If you were to look over & compare Lab. views of the stations some Harpoot I think you would be convinced we do not have our proportion. We have just graduated from our Boys High Sch. here six hopeful boys (of them an orphan) who are teaching winter schools, five of them in the outside field - all in villages some Bad. Clare's assistant at Mousch; aside from this we have four out three undergraduates to teach also - they being in next (larger) class to graduate the coming season. Unless you can raise our percent we shall be obliged all our new graduates. We have not the money to employ which will be very discouraging to them & to us as well. Idin no longer carries Moosul regions nor does Sun the Russian hand as when the old 18% was made. Sun too, is able to do very little in well established stations, largely from opposition of Armenians, chiefly i clergy beginning with their arch one at Constple. If you will say you at B. have Govt. obstruction, ich is true till now but two important changes ve taken place. A new vali to take the place of the who ill for more than a year died & was buried here

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kam from Akhlat region whose three Prot. Sc
succeeded in closing by arresting the teache
I repeat should open the way for us, and we
will be able to give us assurance of at least 22%
our portion for 1905. and possibly you can tell us in
so we may make our Estimates on that basis. You
may be interested in a copy of what goes to Mr. P. on Prot. Sch. g
Yours of 10th ult. also brought W. B. appros for which we
in a gen way should be thankful while the Elys in partic
will likely tell the W. B. friends of their special than
As for what you say in last letter respecting our Nellie
coming out here we all trust it would be a good thing
for her health - all the more that she is so anxious to co
As for the sum we should need so as not to be "embarrass
I am not sure but the suggestion of such a matter is like
to be embarrassing to us. Of course she would live at
our table & have no salary, while for passage money out
could you allow one half at least of an economical
fare! You know well at what heavy expense ladies co
on from Germany & Eng. to help in care of orphans, for mus
when they have no language, but our Nellie hitherto ai
to be a doctor, or at least nurse, should be more valu
with her language of the land to quite an extent & in helpi
her overworked parents in general lines. She has writt
that she might think of being a pastor's assistant & so mou
like to take first lessons of her papa in touring the field.
But we leave the matter with you dear friends there, with
her & the friends at Berlin. The Lord lead us all in the matter! Hastily
R. M. Ly

"The Weekly Progress" 150 Fifth Ave. N.Y. City;-

Permit one of your readers in the distant Orient, a dweller in the land of the Crescent, ay even the "so-called Armenia" for those nearing two score years, to refer to what you have taken from the Washington Post for your issue of Nov. 21st. page 424, entitled "Our Activities in Turkey" & written by one Genl. George B. Williams who has as tourist "traveled in Turkey, Greece, the Balkan principalities & Russia."

The gentleman is quoted as saying "The United States Government is doing the bidding of missionaries in urging the Porte to recognize & protect schools in violation of laws, treaties, of common decency & common sense"! It does seem strange that one of the General's standing should use such cutting language & traduce the American government as if it were going to most absurd extremities at the beck & nod of missionaries, when really it is far from having 'recognition & protection' as have European Powers like France, Italy, Russia, etc. in whose action the gentleman probably sees no "violation of treaties, laws, common decency & common sense".

No, I trow that neither consuls, missionaries nor old habitants of the land would agree with the statements of the gentleman whose title would seem to imply he should not vilify the Government to whose colors he should be most loyal or will he not be open to 'violating something more than laws' etc. Some could tell, how little U.S. officials have accomplished, especially in the interior of the land for want of a more rigid policy, and because they were expected to travel through their own jurisdiction hardly at all & no provision in funds being allowed for the same, save in rare cases, though such officials of other governments are required to travel & expense is given. Under such conditions American interests if looked after at all must be at the kind offices of other consuls, usually the English. He could point to the trade side (for the gentleman says consuls are often located where there is none) and show how hundreds of pounds worth come in, wives of new American subjects could secure their papers & go to their husband in U.S. but the business goes on at the hands of Eng. officials, not honorable for the U.S. to say the least. We defy the General to substantiate what he says about said schools being imbued with the idea they are no longer Turkish subject & their being at the bottom of internal intrigue of the country. Even employes entering such are dismissed from service, as is well known. For about the fomentation in Russia Crete & Macedonia would the gentleman lay that to said schools! No, we submit that before writing as he did he should have made more general & thorough inspection, not only in the coast towns but in the Interior as well when he could right truly say he was "well informed & intelligent on this subject" but till then no such assertion can be made, nor could we admit that he is free of partiality, so far as we can interpret his words. We are happy to say, however, that most of his cloth view things in the land very differently from the General, whether they have entered the country as tourists or so-journers. The Genl. says nothing of the gunboats coming on to Beyrout in response to a stray shot aimed at a consul, but it is a terrible thing to have eyes turned towards such American interests as missionaries represent in the land!

Dec. 28th, 1903.

Turkey-Observer.

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P.S. 2d Will you kindly mail photo to our Frank. You know I think as per address at the bottom. Poor boy in working hard on expenses of his in Whitman College he was driving a large horse team that drew one of those great harvesting machines of the West; in attempting to adjust some part of the machine a nail flew & hit him on the eye & which has given us much anxiety lest he lose use of it. His last letter says doctor after so long treatment (?) only allows him to use it one-half hour & so he has to learn half of his lessons by their being read to him by a friend.

But why should I trouble you with our family matters! Pardon.

R. M. C.

P.S. Dear Dr. B.

You may have an interest in seeing what has been said by a Genl. as to the terrible influence (?) missionaries have over uncle Sam! I thought you might like to see the house of the Coles - their sitting room windows being those by the host in the corner & their front door the one by which a native stands. The wall this side & by low roof of the Kourd was put up after long neglect only just before the dark "event" of '75 & proved no little comfort to my family at that time when bullets were flying in every direction and I away off in Sassoun engaged in rebuilding the houses of those poor ones. My family were shut in here for 36 hours with many of the sch. children as well as our own, not knowing but any time the mob might batter down the doors & force their way in for terrible work.

The two new rooms at your right

Bitlis, Kurdistan, Jan.23d, 1904.

et,Esq.
Treasurer American Board Missions in Turkey,

ear Mr.Peet;-

Though I answered briefly yours of the 18th ult.respecting rot.establishments,viz;Places where Communities are Recognized? No.of Adherents,etc.-hastening it off to you last post,or the first opportunity so t might at least have the virtue of promptness,as you seemed in a hurry, but I must now go over your letter again more carefully to see that nothing be neglected. As you hint doubtless you have difficulties at that end of he line we here can not understand while vice-versa would hold as to us. ut waiving all such and thanking you heartily for taking so much time and anifesting such interest now in conditions we,too,admit have changed for t he worse in our work in a quarter of a century,as you hint,partly owing no oubt to the animus of the Gregorian chief at your city,as I have written our Dr.Barnum,which you might see,perhaps,~~so~~ I need not repeat it here. His subordinate in Akhlat province,I have become convinced of late,had much to o in obstructing our three schools of that province,though the Caimakam of he province is now out of office-the new appointment being on eve of Vali's death. Though the new incumbent,native of this city,is a noted bad one as e showed by his lying,bribe-eating propensity,as Caimakam some years ago in ope of Boulanik,still with a change in Vali & Akhlat we hope for the future.

But coming now,perhaps,to the crucial part of your letter as to whether in my judgment the organizations should be native & held by them'or,second treat~~ed~~ the work as extra to any civil organization but as an outgrowth of issionary activity'we might say We like to have the people feel they have a art in the work as theirs; and you know it is the policy of the Board to ot only urge upon the people selfsupport,self-government,etc.just as fast sconditions will allow,but would they feel it the same if in our hands? ooking along this line we in E.T.Mission have had as principle that if they the peoples)would meet fully half the expenses the man & building might bear their name. This gives them a bit of feeling that they'are setting up for themselves'whereby they manifest more interest in contribution,managing,etc.

But obviously such a condition calls for a separate Prot.organization,as you hint,and for such I have felt stronger than some,see 2 Cor.6:14-18. It well to be on friendly terms with our Gregorian neighbors,and so we enjoin upon all our people,but there should be no difficulty in that if we are separated in the Govt.books,as the Prots.are fully separated from the old church and with the religious separation is the civil one considered heavier!

Still for our village work we must pose as Genl.superintendents of schools for the people have become so poor & inefficient these later years under the oppressive conditions what can be expected of them if they are not led on?

But you may say This is a mongrel sort of Prot.establishments,for the chief of it must virtually be an American,the buildings should be held in his name,while the people should constitute a separate body by themselves when they appear before their government. But this should obtain for conditions these times. With the buildings in our names we can protect them against the Kourds even but when held by the people,if it is known to be,they & others enter right in to use them,even turning out occupants in some cases. But it is difficult to get property turned over to our names,as I wrote you of that in Papshen belonging to the family friends of an orphan,& which still delays. Thanks for your assurance of help in holding this post that evangelist Campbell writes me from Eng.is the hardest one he saw anywhere. The Lord lead in all!

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Cole

Rec'd MAR 28 1904
Ans'd MAY 4 1904

Bitlis, Kourdistan, Feb.26th,1904.

Dear Friends:-

After more than two months since our last News issue it may be worth while to send out another pointer from the Bitlis direction as indicative of how we are faring in this Kourdish town as the months go by.

Our holidays passed with usual interest-the New Year's callers for some of us getting well up towards two hundred,all told,& occupied the whole day. The Week of Prayer passed with good interest & fair attendance till the last. It was followed by Communion with one adult baptism-a new thing for Bitlis. At this time two & the previous Communion six were admitted to the church-all but one from our boy pupils,one being from that ill-starred province Sassun.

On Jan.4th came a welcome visitant to the Underwood family in the person of Ernest Arthur-a nice little brother for sweet Evelyn Hope over a year old Good growth & interest characterize these our Station babies hitherto. Their father has taken up clinics & some medical work outside though seeming hardly equal to it,especially the latter,from not having fully regained his former strength since the typhoid,while for a time cough lingered & reminded him it might not be prudent for him to make outside bedside calls in this town where he finds so many signs of tuberculosis among the people.

Though our coldest has been only ~~nine~~ nine degrees plus,or by consul's self-registering thermometer three the Eng.official has made a fair success of his skating rink for eleven days,tho at heavy cost most naturally; and when they set about"running round on their iron shoes"they were a spectacle, if not to angels,certainly to men & a few females as well! A certain sheikh resident near boasted how if he had been home at the time he would have put a stop to the building of such a thing right in this Kourdish ward where feminines of the household may get a glance at the performers on the ice!

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During Paregentan-Lent's prelude-Parson was kept pretty busy turning the marriage wheel,some of the parties seeking to force him into performing night weddings,but when Govt.& the vartabed joined in,parties came up to time.There was good excuse for such decision since a shooting affair in one of their weddings resulted in loss of a life with one other man wounded-a night deed!

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Pastor Khachig Vartanian related an interesting religious & educational experience and seemed sound in the doctrines,and enters upon his work at an important time in this city. With a united people & by use of parsonage rent on pulpit expenses instead of building or purchasing a cemetry,as is now hinted,they can get on very well for all the emigration increasing these later times.

We are having the pleasure of a visit from Mr.Ussher & his fellow tourist & former parishioner,Miss Brinton. They arrived by shipping successfully over the lake on the 17th & plan leaving for Sert & down the river on home towards the eastward,tho they will naturally fight shy of Japan steamers under warlike conditions in the far East.--Our snow bill this date stands at 9 1/2 feet only while it was 17 & 3/4 last year but with the present warm sun it will not hold out long. Cordially to all,

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It will take fully two weeks for him to arrive at this his post where his presence should be much in demand as a restraining influence, as is apparently quite too many civilians "respectes" as well as regulars are rattling in Kurdish regions where conditions are critical indeed, are distinguishing having already taken place at least in one or two of Jazeera. Pray for peace concerning in all these parts where with such irritating conditions who can say as to the final issue.

During Easter-tide-Jemila pressure began to keep up into celebrating marriage without issue of the parties seeking to loose him into celebrating marriage, but when Cevik & the various other parties came up in time. Was good excuse for such deflation since a similar affair in one of their weddings resulted in loss of a life with one other man wounded-a night-dead.

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H.N. MATCHAKIAN.

Rec'd MAR 28 1904

Bitlis, Kurdistan, Feb. 27/04

Ans'd MAY 4 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:—

It has been some posts since I sent anything to you; so now I will at least pass along Watchman's Day—so if it may be of interest these times when uncertainty as to the future is in the air, especially in the Mosul region. Two of our teachers that may have left their schools are because of a serious affair from conflict between regulars, tax gatherers & a few shots from revs. A few deaths was the result, the village made desolate while the people are scattered after the usual sickening chapter respecting treatement of their families. My plan will be to write you again next week or the following post—speaking further as to ordination, but lacking in time I can only now pass along "All's well" as says the steamer's night watchman. We hope you are pushing well for the new missionary family. Simon pure, for we are not to be counted on for so much long. As you may have heard from him poor Dr. H. seems not a little discouraged on the score of his health as well as for fear that his medical work is not to be a success. On the latter I tell him it is quite up to my expectation from what I learned of the place; while for his health when both he & his wife are doctors what can

I say! He has got pretty much over his cough but is not in vigorous health, as I have before hinted to you, though we are encouraging them what we can. He is convinced a hospital is not to succeed here while for field work he has doubt from poverty & other conditions. But we trust that will all clear away & in any case he is of age & should speak for himself on such matters. The outlook for poor humanity, especially M. may, is dark indeed. One Four orphan boys who has been teaching in one of the M. villages has just arrived & I have been talking with him. The people felt it was useless for him to try to continue the sch. but that he had better come back to his studies & so escape evident danger. Our Evangelist writes in most doleful strains but what can we do for him & the poor people at large there! If our Eng. official had seen more & felt strongly enough his presence there, where amid wild outlaws & "reserves" even the local government is almost ignored, and there is great fear of most serious conditions, and that at a near day, but whatever takes place we trust it cannot become general without an order. Likely reports from that way may reach the outside world before it could at our hands, for it is nearer Erzroum where all news go. But much exaggeration will be pretty sure to swell the newspaper headlines over there may & so you will know how to comfort enquiring friends.

would see helpful

Hastily Yours R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cole
Bitlis, Feb. 27, 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Bitlis, Turkey Sept 12/04

RECD APR 12 1904
REC'D MAY 4 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:

We gave you brief notice in our notes of how we had at last ordained & installed over this church in Bitlis Khaching Vartanian who has served them as preacher for nearing nine years now. It has taken not a little manipulation to bring this about - all the more as his eyes have been so much "lifted up" to emigrate. But in the end we hope it has so turned he may at least hold on with his people four or five years.

Of course the "Parson" feels pretty "good" over having these two newly ordained workers within these few months & it should relieve me not a little in the pastoral work though this one being now half paid for by the people they will not consider we have the right to send him outside as, indeed, we have very little hitherto since he came here. I enclose a translation of his story & declaration before our Council that examined him as looking to his fitness for ordination, in which you, or Dr. Strong, may have an interest.

As you will see he had his birth among the Sassoun mts. whither I went in '95 & spent four months for re-building those poor ones houses that are now again in no little danger of going up in smoke, from serious conditions.

The pastor was a vigorous, adventurous youth in his younger days, as is apt to be the case with those brave mountaineers there of his race. But for

him, as also would hold for Bad. Krikore your old pupil, here is a wonderful object lesson of the good of Christian education. He has a brother walking our streets, and sometimes relatives of Pastor Krikore come down to town from those same high mts near Cassoun. You have only need to stand them up side by side to see the great contrast. They have both grown since they took up the office of preaching. We have almost pushed them into contributing for the columns of the Avedaper & they are doing so of late with acceptance. They both had sad frights in the dark events of '95 - this late one fleeing from his charge in Boulanik, Shebinagharb village, an important center. Neither he nor his home were plundered as was the case with poor Krikore but threats were banded about among certain of the Ks as to his life, so he fears in those regions, and hardly dares venture there without being with one of us. Poor Krikore & his family are pitiy in their trying condition at Mousk City. He writes me he "has not great hope they shall live", for he seems confident serious matters are to take place there at no distant day & if not too timid he is in condition to know things as we cannot at this distance. Pray for him & this new Pastor, as you rejoice with us at their actuality here at last where we are in so much need of them. Pray for poor disheartened humanity & all our Prot. institutions & pray for us who live & work on in hope & some assurance. So many thanks for yours of Jan. 27th and the so kind action taken & sympathy shown as to our Nellies coming out to us shown by you & the Com.ee - All in usual health

Hastily &c. R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Nov. 12, 1904

Private. Ans'd MAY 4 1904 Bitlis, March 14/04 Rec'd APR 18 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:— It may not be out of place for me to pass along somethings confidential for you to read & destroy. Eh, what a pity about that fire at Erzrum. There seems some thought of us three stations meeting there, if we have even partial E.G. meeting. Certainly there seem many questions to cogitate over there. That mission house Mr. R. Chambers so hastily purchased in Erzingan for £300.00 (as if no place could be hired when later we boles going there could hired plenty places) Mr. S. writes us is to be sold. the surfer thing of course. but we fear at a very heavy loss, even if it be not hurried. As for replacing the new girls so expensive American style of school of course it will be done, though with so few pupils, and that so large double missionary upper khonak (made up for two families. & recently rented for U.S. Consulate) and a little distance up & on the same side of that street is that £700 house purchased outright with orphans' funds (they have few orphans on hand now & hardly any money left on which to feed them we understood) and is, I think, one story higher (3 in all) than said missionary house, certainly their few pupils are not in danger of being in the street. By the way, Mr. S. seems to feel that fire was from outside, and I wondered if it were if in a way the form of the building had not invited it. When Messrs. Parmelee, Pierce & the writer deliberated with Misses Van Duzee & Patrick (then at Erz.) as to form of old building they insisted on there being no windows opening upon the chief st. and we gentlemen were persuaded to their idea. It is possible & probable the good lady teachers had their way for the late building. Certainly not only were there long windows running almost to the floor & so exposing the whole person of girls looking out, but in place of the former wall with no windows

there was nothing to shut in the little yard for flowers in front but an iron railing fence lower almost than such would be in America. The large wooden door was at the rear of a wooden portico whose floor, I rather think, was boards too! How was not that a tempting object in a land of plenty of enemies, if they did try their hand at it? But I am inclined to think in this case, it was not from outside, as it seemed to start in the kitchen. Why, then, speak of it, you may say; it is because in such a country as this Interior (far dif. from places - Smyrna, &c. where Miss Lord has) it seems to me buildings should be shaped somewhat accordingly, especially where they have no high yard-wall to shut in & protect them. Of course the building was a fine structure & showed off to good advantage.

But coming now to our own matters I am going to speak of a few things for your passing thought, if you think them worth the while. Our Ely sisters are good workers of course, & have a reputation quite beyond anything we can boast of, but as years & spinsterhood are upon them it becomes no easier fast, to manipulate matters so as to get along with them, and especially the younger, Miss Mary A. C. Before we came here one of the Bros. from Hardin wrote about things looking at Ely ABB. Of course they run a pretty independent team in spending money, &c. - no gentleman's vote entering into the problem. I am glad to say that in policy of use of funds, as a rule, they are fairly sound, they have been used to holding all go for their ideas, and Miss Mary when here, as a sort of woman's right person, pushed them more in that direction and had a bad influence on them. As we found it, so it is now - they running their & their sch. affs all together, never expecting any such thing as male inspection, advice or voting. They draw up their Estimates, and woe to the man who would presume to take decided grounds against their ideas or arrangements

may have done some such thing when the W. H. ladies might insult you I have taken more liberty in giving this private talk. While they were in America we took in most of the orphans and with so many pupils of course we need an infirmary in case of sickness & so partly from premium on draft we put up as a surprise such a large room over our boys kitchen but so connected it with the corner of their sch. it served them splendidly and we planned dividing so we have half of it opening into our building opposite. But no surprises for them! So far from being thankful they never how that, would not approve of our having part of that, but we were forced to provide another room & beside it class room, as you saw in photo I sent at your hands. But mark the dictum, after that was nearly finished with money we got on from Eng. then Miss M. objected to it & especially the stair-case lest the boys might see into where the girls were; but as it was in our own enclosure & not theirs why should they so dictate & so said to Dr. M. on arriving on the scene last year - rather year before. They do take such an old conservative view of everything. By no means shall there be Eng. in their "our" sch. tho it is in all the other schs of the mission. They do so keep back their girls from any new ideas; though they have several organs in it, but more are taught to pray so as to help in the chapel when the two American players are absent. In a word newer methods & more modern ideas are in demand which can only be with younger persons of strong points. Miss Knapp is not the one for that at all, if she were to come back, unless there were one less years & certainly more independent ideas & push to come along too. Miss K. has no practicality about her, takes all in such somber colors! She is worth little in sch. save to give her routine lessons. She has no thought of what the girls eat or wear; so all supply matters must rest on Miss Mary E., for she leaves little decisive power with her teachers tho one of them has been with them from the first... But enough inside-of-curtain talk for you to read & burn. Sincerely yours R. M. Cole

3/ Per regulations of course Private the males might be expected to vote on their work tho their right for such only runs in their own department. When Mr. K. (S.P.) was here instead of Ashdowns he tried with difficulty to audit some of their accts for sake of details in their expenditure. On our arriving here soon after the Ashdowns had left, in going over accts I found some £20-30.00 posing on their personal, that obviously pertained to orph. Ed.n &c. and so they were persuaded, but their relations with the As were such whatever credit had such as "C/o Elys", he would put it on their ofc & ask no question. In making up Estimates at the Mission meeting held at Erzr while we were in America, she had submitted some £3 for repairs on their Sch. building, as I showed her from her own hand-writing and the papers on file. "But" it might have been changed later," she "did not know how it was, but it belonged to them" that £54.40 & so she puts on in expending-running the repairs on this last year. Of course they have pushed on expending not a little for their girls buildings Camp and if it does not go up in Koundish smoke some day - Some weeks ago Miss Mary E. came in and opened up the question adding to the salary of her first teacher-going back for three years. to this I hinted that in our dept we were supposed to follow along with what came back as actual appros which in their W. had been cut down somewhat. "The cut was, of course, a mistake", thot "their Board would wish them to have it," and so she got from Bible Women's on deposit to splice out for the three years but in view of what I had hinted of it being irregular to go back & wrong in adding when the budget had come back to us as appr she was irritated & talked about writing her Board, &c, though from what she told Mrs. Cole later she seemed to think differently, so we may trust she did not do so; but lest she

nce the larger ones have a trade they will be able to make
ir living for a time & not feel forced to marry a fence post, as
mere. Some two years ago the Inspector (Moslin) of Schs. started
f rug-making, but of course such expensive things would not
ll have in Bitlis, but this dress cloth trade seems very promising
nd we wish our orphan girls to take it up as I have said.
oreover we try to tide things on as best we can. Mrs. M. was told
Consiple by one who knew these well she wondered how they
uld be able to get along with them & she thought her own
usband would not be able to get along with them if he
re to run the treasury. They have a great faculty of putting
ut pulses for money. When speaking at a meeting in Spring-
ield Mass. a lady came to me & told how Miss M-C. had
itten her desiring money for something. Hardly a statement
om Mr. Peet comes that 3-5 pounds only for Ely C/a does
ot come to hand and where it goes only they know. You
now per old Mission rule special appeals are ruled out & if
uch comes a station vote is in order as to where is the demand-
ut alas for E.T. policy & regulations in so many cases! R. M-C.

Private to Dr. Barton. P.S. You once wrote about the Boards buying the Knapp house. But they would control it just the same one occupying corner at one extreme & the other at the other. The Dr. & I felt we might buy some adjoining land that with a tip of that garden might be utilized in building so all of our missionaries be nearer together but of course they listen to no such thing but would sooner it themselves if need be. It has seven room & two swans on upper story, but they never think they can take in a little family in one of the rooms. They seem so determined Miss K. shall come back & it has been hinted they might pay her expense & salary to insure the desire in this respect. Miss K. if she regained health should be in position as sort of Prof like girls college at Ch. but has no fitness for missionary work proper. If she must come back would some such person of decided points as Miss Wright now at Kodavan might be along with her so new methods come in. We (Mr & Mrs) feel we would have some of our orphan girls about learn the trade of weaving dress goods (Dhanousa) samples of which I enclose of what the boys are turning out; but they do not look upon this with favor obviously but we shall see. Their prejudice soon comes up against a girl that gets on in years. She cannot be kept on & some common uneducated villager is enough for her & marriage is

Bitlis, Mch 14, 1904.

Rec'd MAY 2 1904

Bitlis, Kourdistan, April 1st, 1904.

Our dear Friends:-

The winter has so far worn away that already a little tinge of spring is in the air, as notes of returning birds, like the Starling, would indicate, while others of passage salute us as they go over us. A flock of cranes happened along some days since at dead of night & in such a terrific thunder-shower as seemed to bewilder them; so they settled into the trees near by for rest & to talk it over while they watched for a streak of day when they resumed their journey northward-probably towards M.plain.

The Ussher party left for S'ert the 5d Ult., and Mr. McDowell of the Persian Mission, returning from his long, lonely four months isolation among the Nestorians of our southern Mts., met them & they passed a night together. The latter rested with us Sunday & Monday when he went to Tadwan, and took shipping for Van, with what success, or otherwise, he himself can better describe! The former seems to have had a successful drift, tho slow, down the Tigris, on the old-time raft, as they telegraphed us from Jezireh & Mosul. Our excessive rains gave them such a swollen river, and with such dark moonless nights at the time naturally they must often have had to hitch up for the night.

March, true to its traditions as well as name, if it did not "come in like a lion" has been one of storms-such thunder as made old Earth tremble & down pour of rain, snow & sleet as would rounded out old snow records only that from lack of congealing coldness liquid form gained the day, so roads in town are open, and we took our first horeback ride on bareground to-day. Amid all these storms old Earth took a hand at a few gentle earthquakes!

Our new Vali, Ferrid Bey, arrived on the 17th Ult., just in time to get ~~full~~ full benefit of our hardest rains. He has along with him his adult son said to be collaborator with the father in office. He is an affable young man fresh from the schools; speaks French with great fluency, so that in our calls now & then our doctor becomes spokesman, and airs that Kur. language. The governor takes up this office for the first time, we hear, and though he held a fairly high office in the Capital, he seems never to have been into the Interior of the country, and so naturally took hard his long, rainy march from Cons/ple via the Syrian coast..

He set a search going to find a house among Christians, and has hired one in the ward not far from Government buildings. He has most carefully & impartially returned all chief calls & seems very desirous of light on the situation, even from foreigners. In a word he is starting in so well all parties are agog to see what the next turn will reveal,-so far so good. The interreignum previous to his arrival was carried by the new muteserrif of Moush till pressure of conditions there forced him to return to his post when the S'ert one came on to await the new arrival, when now he returns.

Self-elected, per their ideas, would-be reformers so inveigle & intimidate people & especially poor villagers that they sometimes sell their last ox to secure arms, and under such threats there is no telling who may not be making larger or smaller contributions-sometimes Moslems helping it on as a speculating game on their part. Our late governor once said to us "Of course I should yield when I saw a revolver pointed at me, and obey them!"! Amid such conditions-so few oxen & so little seed, especially in Moush regions, & with so much fear from marauders should the plowman have to venture far from the village to cultivate his fields, there is fear of rise in price of breadstuffs, if not to almost famine conditions ere another winter comes around.

Our Drs. U. have taken a larger much better house not far from where they were, located out in the fields some distance from the dust & confusion of the road with good air & surroundings & land enough for us all to cultivate.

From what her mother writes us Miss Knapp has so far improved in health that she has pretty much discarded medicine & often walks a whole mile; still with some cough & a husky voice she does not yet feel fully assured as to her, obviously. Evidently good doctors, special diet & care have done wonders. We congratulate Van on its assignment of a new missionary family, but would with the same breath call out, as we keep writing Boston Why not Bitlis too!

With cordial greetings to all,

Watchman.

Paris, Apr. 2, 1704

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Bitlis, Turkey, via Constpl
April 2/04

Ans'd MAY 4 1904

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Perhaps it is not worth the while to keep so many missives going, more especially as postage is all used up for the first half of the year - our 18% allowed for Bitlis obliging us to cut corners closely as I have written you in the past. Still in allowing Hatchman a chance you get the news in nature of brief report of the situation these uncertain times & it seems a natural thing to pass on a few words in nature of a letter.

Some of our winter teachers have returned while one, assistant to regular yearly helper in Shekhaghoub, Boulanik, run in home from fear! It is a fact that life is such in the villages most feel it is hardly worth living. The poor people are being ground between the upper & nether stone - one being from the agitators & the other tax gatherers, Ks. &c. Think of our large village of Khoultig two hours over the mts. from us here being so whipped out this only a few days since two of those tax, ubiquitous harpies, knocked people right & left coming near to killing one young man, ended the day by each one of them forcing their pick for two young women to pass the night with them!! Several weeks ago

a member of our church who acts as deacon in that same village branch at our Communion was cruelly seized and hung up by his heels while right beneath his head was a pot of lime coal. He pled for time to go & try to find the money they demanded of the poor man, but no he must bring from his pocket. Still with our new vali well inducted into office let us hope there will be some improvement. Heretofore the poor abused ones have not dared to complain for fear of terrible vengeance. So very common late years but we hope more courage will appear, and that justice will not miscarry quite as much as in the past. You would be interested in meeting some of our young workers as they are back all ablaze with enthusiasm over their new work & experience at teaching; or if you could read some of the many letters I get over in person (for I never use a secy in reading or answering letters) again you would get encouragement. Still it is a new experience for them and some of them find it hard to withstand pressure from agitators of their own race. We are having to discharge one such nice orphan boy teacher - nice as we thought; but led astray by those fellows.

But enough for this time to sound out the "Bells well" (her steamer deck night call) for these parts at this time, though our pastor at M. city is in great fear for the future and our outstation Havadorik over there, with its teacher and assistant, a last year's graduate, is practically in the

COPY.

Bitlis, Turkey,

April 29, 1904.

Dear Friends:-

Are you early birds up "just at the peep of day," and in making your toilet do not be vain in front of the mirror unless under such a status you read this page.

Our hearts are very sad indeed. The old story of spoliation and bloodshed for the province south of M. City- that so ill-fated region, the first storm center of '94, is reaching us! By favor of special ink and special carrier at hand on yesterday we are sadly brought into full realization of what terrible scenes are being inaugurated already there. Naturally the few insurgents there must in some way be rooted out and we had faint hope that the new Vali would find some way so the innocent would not be punished with the guilty, and so he talked here in Bitlis would be his aim. But alas! for professed resolutions of better T. officials, especially when they attempt to manage these wild Kourds! The ill-fated province rebuilt so largely with English money and with months of toil, is again being swept over with the besom of destruction- well on to a dozen of villages having already been burned while the women and children are wandering about amid the snows of those so inhospitable mountains at this season of the year. The old sickening scenes of rape, plunder and bloodshed are already in vogue again and the end of it is not yet. A conflict took place between the insurgents and Kourds at Gelegelinaman in the north corner of the province,with loss of 26 lives, 25 from the wild Ks. as reported. At the south in Talori region the battle was more fierce and four to five-hundred lives have been the loss on both sides.

The Vali sought to take along the Gregorian prelate of Bitlis, as well as members of his own council and some other officials.

All but the first went with him, while he was forced to go a few days later. On their arriving at Moush the prelate of that city, together with his civil and religious councils were summoned into his presence, and with charges as to the part they had in the mountain commotion he tried to force them to go up and make the attempt to bring them down. But finding he could not carry that through he decided to go along with them, taking some 30 -40 soldrs. as a body guard. They went to Sourp Hohannes Monastery where again the governor set about his threats as to how he would punish them if they did not sign a paper to the effect that all the people of the province were "robbers" and if they did not, an attack on the mountaineers and the people of Moush plain would be had. In sheer desperation they signed his paper. But as would appear, the assaults soon began and that before any attempt was made at mediation which was supposed to be the object he had in mind when he forced so many along with him. The Moush prelate fell ill from beating and hardship but he was forced to go along with them just the same while both of the prelates and their councils are kept like prisoners under close surveillance.x Villagers, poor and hungry are forced to shovel roads in the deep snows on the mountains so soldiers and the cannon can pass, mirabile dictu, the policy seems of late to be on part of the government to term agitators robbers or outlaws ashkiar rather than insurgents, as if stealing were lighter- rather heavier! than sedition against a government. Our anxiety is now for Moush City and the villages in that fine plain where there are our beloved peoples, teachers and preachers and no little Board's property.

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Boston Herald, Apr. 29, 1904

Private.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Bitlis, May 6/04

Rec'd JUN 5 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The enclosed vote drawn up by Dr. H. will explain itself largely & he may write something besides. Perhaps it were better I should say nothing, but assuming that I am present with you in person when we might have a frank, familiar talk - not official but as old friends; and recalling that you invited such confidential heart talks I presume now. Dr. H. is not a strong man physically, as I have hinted to you in the past when I spoke of a peculiar attack he had. His wife is not so strong as she looks to be, is pretty nervous & easily frightened, as we saw before getting them into B. coming from Erzrum, as perhaps I may have hinted when speaking of slight display of problem. But she is strong enough to mold his movements pretty completely. Naturally with two babes coming into the family so near together it has not improved conditions, and they are kept tired & sleepless not a little nights, though they have much more help than we did at their stage - two nurses - woman & a girl, man cook, and two young men (one of them one of our orphans) for medical dept. Moving into their new quarters they were very pleasantly located almost out in the fields where B. best air might be expected.

But their little daughter, Evelyn, coming down again with malaria (the other attacks did not make serious impression on us of experience in such lines - who still take quinine ourselves) they have given up in utter discouragement & must take a change for the girl & Mrs. H's sake, for what can we as a station

say since they are both medical graduates, and I had desire a clause implying this last should be in his vote but I see it is not there for all my suggestion. We assumed he is a good brother - better than many of these doctors out here but environments do not help doubt, poor health & timidity. Not a little discouragement, as you know, has come over him for his medical department in such a place as Bethel, and with his somewhat doubtful physical status and her uneasiness in this place have been fruitful of various deliberations as to changes. A year ago this time they came near turning (as seemed to me after his fever rather highly sun at least not very sense) up in Martin for it, but we rather talked them out of that. For sometime now - before Evelyn's case (of some ten days) has up they firmly talked Van, more about it & are expected there which would been nearer so he would reach us & we desired that as he too, seemed to, but his wife, partly for safety's sake as seems, takes exception. Of course our prayers & keen interest go with them, for they are our dear associates that we have needed far more from than has been realized yet. Twice he has taken ill in outside field once in Monsul & once in Boulanik when he went out for the Malasgird expedition for medical help. A poor turn of this Evelyn made his wife telegraph him back from Monsul when he had started to escort the Harrises to Hpt. Such things as these are not assuring for their future here I fear but it should help you to clinch your argument for me to have a bona fide missionary associate. As you know we Coles fell should been seen before the doctor which Dr. H. would tell you now he is on the ground, should been the decision. Our present status is rather a severe commentary on the persistent course of the lady-teachers for a doctor, even hinting here & perhaps writing you if he could be here in 12 months time they would pay his year's salary; this for all they opposed a vote for men with languages like Richardson or Allen - one of them to become for my associate. Only for Miss K's presence they sis might not have taken such an opposing course. But enough of this for the present. Dr. Smith has visited the sunrise land and perhaps you too know from Far East news how upright readers visited they are & so you can take a close on accompanying slip tho you may hear from our son in N.Y. in such lines. Seems to me you used to have simple

Rev. R. M. Cole
Butte, Mon. May 14, 1904

REC'D JUL 28 1904

Probably more or less news will reach you as to the origin of the trouble of our own. It can hardly be pleasant reading. Still, calling it more agitation with favorable result of M. Otis, and had a few months ago, plain as well, it might be explained the fact, for a long time, a certain combination, would make a move to check such a combination. Instead of asking if some reforms might not be introduced to prevent such desperation, Richards working upon fears to mediate, quite strong motive for Tuesday, and about as many days to equity & other in the money has had in the M. regions where supplies are scarce considering the abject poverty to which the Christian population has been brought the last few years.

Our new Governor Pennoyer hardly in town long enough to get rest from his tiring journey round via Tacoma, and take his bearings here on local conditions, was ordered on to M. [illegible] He took along with him magnates of the Gov't here in B. including the Oregonian acting bitterness president and some other officials of his Court, as if there should be none left behind who could give impartial news filtering through and report it elsewhere.

On reaching Mount City, he at once detached

to some method of procedure then - taking
along with the recalcitrant regions similar officials
from the M. Gregorian Delegy and the Courts. The
first action taken was to extort signatures on a paper
stating all of these provincials were rebels and out-
laws, as if that would gain for him a foothold al-
lowing their name innocents hung over them. As
if to carry forward some meditation upon attack
has made, he forced another prelate from a monas-
tery to go up into the mount as if now to talk with the boys.
But hardly had the enforced paper been signed but
on the Election has, when an attack was made
first by wild Kurds & Dashibozuks on official reason.
The Governor sent word to stop proceedings for the moment
hope, since before going there he had affirmed his aim
was not to harm the innocent perished with the guilty
and that took place for a little, but soon again
the regulars in regimentals with cannon and in charge
of the military official set going the fray afresh!
In the confusion and lack of proper discipline
possibly, among the troops cannon were turned on
women and children, though as facts would have
it the assailing parties have been thus for the
heavily losing ones - probably over 1000 but
on side of the defense the insurgents burning all
their mountain fastnesses whether they afoing steps

[illegible] Buffalo [illegible] all [illegible] a [illegible] all [illegible] as no
affirmed, and they have [illegible] a [illegible] common [illegible]
off [illegible] as friendly [illegible] now.

Naturally the [illegible] on it must for
[illegible] [illegible] against [illegible] and again
twenty times their force, when [illegible] it is situated in the
region of Buffalo in Romanism [illegible] [illegible]
what [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
that [illegible] of this [illegible] [illegible] in July!

The Russian [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] with English and other foreign [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] as before; the
[illegible] and [illegible] subject to a fast [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
they fall as [illegible], some few of them are drifting
down upon the [illegible] [illegible] in the city as well, [illegible]
often [illegible] upon the [illegible] [illegible] are often
[illegible] down & their [illegible] fast as they are [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Now after [illegible] of [illegible] from the region by the
[illegible] they [illegible] appear on the [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] one has gone from Buffalo
City, while it is said [illegible] [illegible] one then is
to be a Russian & French as well. One is some
what reminded of how the stable door is made
secure after the horse has been stolen!

course it is doubtful even if had been
d by them before the outbreak of Mediæ
ld have been accepted now if new Gov
by good assurance of reform, as is the
ion in Macedonia, it is hard even then
and eyes bothered & frowned in light of o
makes a gain the other follows. They had
to wait on a quietus for a few mo
most likely till it becomes clear whether the
Turks will be able to accomplish anything.
Then action will be shaped accordingly. There
rumor has it the insurgents have taken heart fr
success, and keep right on in their preparation a
running in supplies by such sidepaths as they can
If it does not succeed, and the Turks inflict
in some semblance of disgust, the
will not come in terms perhaps similar to those
meted out for the Zeitoun province. Yet an ag
may be longer than the future of the affair a
lot much of an improvement on the back. In
while what is to be done with the refugees wo
and children rapidly coming down upon
plain where if charity does not come to the
they must starve. This said two children
from being left the first night in a sort of sleep
in M. where Gov't police removed them on m
the door.

May 19/00

Turkish

Rec'd JUN 24 1904

Bitlis, May 26th, 1904.

Ans'd JUL 20 1904

Our dear Friends:-

After rounding out nearly two months of rains, for fivedays now we have sun most of the time, and "spring's work" is beginning in earnest. We have never seen such a bounteous, constant rainfall here which has made so much mud & cold weather as to throw the season back a full month at the least, as the fields were too muddy for plowing & early-sowed seed, in cases, has rotted. But now vegetation is coming forwards as with a bound-promising us plenty of pfgreens to say the least. while fallsown wheat looks very hopeful we hear. Our new Govr. must have had a hard time this rainy weather up among the Mts. south of Moush where he has been pushing vigorously to clear the insurgent pocket, tho we had hoped with no great loss to women & children-innocent ones. Of the latter we have heard a certain number had been escorted to Moush where rations had been assigned by Govt. Two battalion of troops had come down from the mountains & the Govr. was to follow in a few days, as if all wasover.

We have two reports from Mr. H. the Eng. official since he left us the 14th. He finds M. city fairly quiet now-the shops open & business going forward. His French colleague has arrived but not the Russian yet who comes via Rus. With such backers as these officials of three strong Powers we may hope the Vali way bring about better conditions & so more prosperity be realized soon.

As our vote would indicate, already the Underwoods are on their way to Erzroum in hopes of less malaria for their Evelyn & a change for Mrs. U. also. They left the 17th inst. out had terrible weather the first five days, as the letter from them indicated, tho the dear little ones warmly nestled in their baskets seemed faring quite well. We hope they may reach Erz. this date. They had among their companions of the caravan over two score of emigrants bound for that Armenian El Dorado, Fresno, Cal. It is thus stagnation of business, or not poverty, etc. are driving people from earth's this favored lands where more rather than fewer are needed to cultivate the many so productive plains. Weary as he was from the hard journey on from Cons/ple via Syrian coast once here the Vali soon found time to summon some of those who already had ex-patriation papers in hand in hopes of persuading them not to go; but it was in vain. There may be danger lest the caldron be set boiling over this way something as it seems doing over in N.T. of Europe, whether there be any understanding between them or not. If the chief rendezvous of the insurgents has been so far cleared that the regular troops may come down from those Mts. bands are said to be gathering in nearer & more populous regions where loss might be more threatening in case of demonstration, as seems their intent erelong. If only wild Ks & outlaws might be kept out of the problem it is to be hoped general disaster would be averted for all the contrary experience of thepast. But when the Vali returns & settles into his regular office at this center after this his military escapade we shall hope & pray for no little progress.

Amid all our abnormal weather, backward season, weirdness, etc. a large wolf found his way into the Kourdish neighbor's field in front of our windows, and he K. was able to plank a bullet between his eyes as the beast came at him!

Peter, once of our ch. member at our largest village, was murdered some weeks ago, and since then an inoffensive man of the hamlet near our camping place. Though Govt. has been on the hunt for the culprits people fear to testify as to what they may actually know in such matters for fear of revenge later. This matter has been enough to drive from the large village our teacher, while two others in other places-the teachers-have also not been equal to holding on. It is thus we know not what is to be done to encourage the poor villagers. They are now going & coming seeking to rally those of the hamlet that havefled to town-thus exposing their empty houses as well as our buildings there. We make little progress yet for all Govt. has assigned a zabtieh. But we hope the villagers will come forward to sow their fields erelong.

Cordially to all, R.M. Watchman.

Rev. R. M. Cole. 5

S. Dear Dr. B. These days we are
y busy not to say anxious though the
w Govr now in M. regions seemed here
ating in worthily as I wrote you, and
one not very sound in health this is a
d experience to be journeying these rainy times.
we much God cities south difficulties We
fear exposed and and of still, our will
loss from what we Vl. going helpers try
if bad have may begun on teachers to
not course we hope by with from back
in of to other wild loss fear you
our revs. fear! regions Ks of coming posted
teachers who. We than and some into as
there seem have the wild four town to
at determined strong most but hundred and our
least to mix hope guilty new and we safety
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tions the country Govr as and it not we
oing Boards generally. Leaves well. so is when trust
property. But safety The bar to they is
gs that our and attack as and can sure
y at trust peace in we we return. Okay
Novadaik is for the know know to for
being in the province the not villages the

Now for two months we have had ve
little sun - almost always cloud
& so cold and backward Spring so
is much behind - hardly ever have
known it so much so.
Later the Dr. & I think somewhat of try
to get off for Eu ~~soo~~ next week, an
they may go via Shekhaghoub where w
have a teacher who would be encouraged
such a visit over the Sab. of course.
A Russian consul for this place by
Consiph some ten days since & so s
be here in as many days more if
does not turn aside via M. City. Such
officials ought to be helpful to the Gov.
seeking to keep the peace & order abou
We should be getting off to you something b
of report of our Gospel & educational work, b
we are very busy if not overburdened wi
our various duties at this present juncture.
As the Rs are leaving us more isolated i
conditions should favor if we may telegraph
"Fernstalk" suggesting that our Nellie if sh
to come this year take first opportunity for
Dr. R. is at Eu he could see her on from Trebz. per
& so on here where he plans to return latter p
of the season but without his family. I speak
in case such a cable from reach you from us.
Mr. Peet. Sincerely R. M

Bitlis. Turkey, via Constple
June 3d 1904

REC'D JUL 1 1904
REC'D JUL 29 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Many thanks for your kind missive of the 5th ult. at hand this our last weekly post.

Yes, as you hint, things are quite ominous in these regions. Goaded on from chronic irregularities in the land in utter discouragement certain ones seem determined to ruin or regulate in some degree - manage to have the race blotted out once for all or force in something like reform. But with all the losses of '94, 5 & 6 with so little for good results; and when we think of the poor prospect for such over in Macedonia I confess I am not sanguine for much improvement, nor can I indorse methods of the insurgents. We have had three letters from our Eng. vice-consul since he went to Mousle where he is located in our rooms. He reported that his French colleague had arrived from Van, was pleasant, &c. though the Russian had not then arrived, though from what we hear by native he seems to have done so within the last few days. Curos (for he acts for American interests) speaks in his letter as though their course of action was not evident then, but with the three together concerted action may appear. Yes, you can hardly imagine what that poor people have gone through. The insurgents proper have, as reported, lost only about a score, while of K's, outlaws & regulars perhaps 2000 at least. But as you hint it is difficult to secure reliable facts even this near.

I passed on your kind words as to the new Pastor whose experience you referred to. He says he was your pupil for about a year at Apt, liked your Scripture exegesis &c and he wished to send on salaams to you. It is hard for him to keep up spirits with all that has been going on in his boyhood regions; and all the more so as he sees his people fleeing from these regions just as fast as they can secure their road fares. More than two score left some three weeks ago via Em & Ind, and others plan leaving in some two weeks & among our ch. deacon & his family to join their son who has been for a few years in Fresno. Utter discouragement settles like a pall upon the people, while abject poverty drives them to mortgage homes & crops ungrown even. Some of your own people from a village 8 miles north have been here and would have broken our hearts had we not seen so much experience in such matters, for they ~~were~~ must have money or would surely starve, must have seed or could not ~~sow~~ their fields. Most of our teachers out of fear have left their village posts & some are idle here, while one, as Watchman told you, has gone to Em hoping for some employ there. Unfortunately conditions are such it is felt not prudent for me to visit them at their posts or I might give them more heart. At present I am trying to hold things together working at semi annl. afe, Lab. view & the Sta. Genl. Report to send you ere so very long. Through per Watchman you get a glimpse of how things are going. Dr. H. who felt he must leave to take his family to Em for a time will have reported his medical work to you direct. We hope he at least may not remain long at E. But in any case your eyes should be sharp out for a new missy family.

Hastily &c

R. M. Cole

Bitlis, June 13 1904

Private

Dear Dr Barton.

As for the Miss K. element having been removed from the question of re-inforcement for Bittis I think you can count it that neither she nor do the Elys so regard it but quite the opposite. It may be a question whether you at the Rooms should not broach the question in the way of deciding it on the score that it is high time some one were being broken into the sch. work & responsibility in the female department just as also to have a male missionary full fledged to grow into the place Cole tries to fill here. As for the Elys sister needing some old acquaintance or relative to secure harmony I should hope such need not be, and I should hope she would bring a new & important element of progress in methods for sch., arrangement of vacations, &c.

JUL 1 1904
JUL 20 1904

Do you know we were wondering if it might not be worth while to think of seeing if Miss Wright now at Masovon, formerly at your Hpl, & whom you know of could not come. She is a person of strong points, a born teacher & should be up in modern methods. So far as we know she came out for only three years at M. to help in case of orphans, following which time she may return to U. S. When she was leaving Hpl years ago our Miss Mary Ely wrote urging her to come here as a permanency, for Miss K's case had not yet come up. Miss Mary E. had met her at Hpl at Conf-meeting and liked her. Miss Wright & Mrs. Cole also became fast friends ⊕ the year the latter spent at Hpl while the writer held on in Erzingjan and so there might be much hope she would come on to B. perhaps via her old Hpl home and help out for some years at least, beginning the coming season, and as she

has good Armenian could get to work at once. She might hold on long enough (for Mrs. C. says she is only 56 years old) so a younger one might come out some years hence, learn the language & take up work. Our Elys are good but of the old Conservative Presbyterian type. Will not have Eng. in their sch. teach very little, almost no instrumental music, though they have a piano and several organs. A little Eng. outside instruction, they think may send natives away from the land & so they keep back in such. Instead of having a summer vacation as do all schs in Turkey they have their girls at camp to some inconvenience to those of our circle there, but send off to the villages girls for vacation so late in the season that they are sometimes caught in a snow storm before arriving here. It seems to matter little thus we all feel differently, & thus the girls should have their

vacation when they could get so
enjoyment out of it. When the
were in America & I had charge
all matters alone we had the sum
vacation in due course. This was
owing to uncertain conditions they
waive going up to camp, for I cannot
the time to go up there & Mrs. C. & I did
feel the need of it last year, as they do not a

As to Mr. Stapleton & matters at Em I m
confess that with his visit here with his
ly last year for some weeks our estimate of
did not grow. He has a sort of brusque
business way about him, but not a
turn so as to carry along natives well f
in use of money I fear does not impro
Possibly his wife bringing in quite a g
amt. from med^l. practice makes them fe
less like economizing. He does not s
very ambitious to perfect himself in
language but turns to new things bef
But why say more? this I had not only
you wished it. If I happen there shall be
to do what I can for improvement, though

Confidential

Dear Dr. Barton, — Pittsburg July 25th 1904

Only time to pass along "All's well!" so far Pittsburg thus far, and nothing particularly apprehensive appears right about us here at present. You get a glance at things through such as the enclosed as our report for the year. You will pardon my not typing it and sending you the original from which I took three copy blk impressions for mission file and the other stations. We do hope you will press hard for our new missionary family & lady teacher. There are plenty of volunteers for foreign field in old Princeton Semy. N.J. where I spent a year, and I think of Bangor, Me. They write me from both those Semies. I have a letter from the former, asking for reply as to field, my photo &c; his address is Mr. A. Lee Wilson, 303 Hodge Hall Princeton, N.J. There is much of the missionary spirit in P. I must write him next post and may hint that some of the volunteers might do well to write you, for I know not who takes Dr. Daniels place, but if there is one you will know whom to pass it over to. This station should not remain as it is if we be kept up in the future.

Mrs. Lean is persuaded every it her sister may be persuaded to come out with the Lean's. Mrs. Lean is supposed to be being married, did you see Grace?

of breaking down though we do not feel so; but they do not seem in state to move on as they are going. Miss M. Eby had a fall from stairs in their sch. that has held her in for a few days & might have been very serious as she seems to have landed on her head, from report. She is about again now but not fully over it.
Should you find a family & lady teacher ready to come late they could come in via Syrian Coast as we did nicely - not reaching Beirut till the first week in Jan. You may wonder what we should do for a home should a family be suddenly assigned us as was that for Dan. The truth is I had a chance to purchase property that cost the parties £350 for £120 and the nearest of any property even likely to be available, as the Bey's through our agent so long sought for never can be had at reasonable price for his status financially is so improved as lead him to set up building on new rooms in the rear. Our plan (Mrs. Eccles & mine) was to make the new premises into such a khonak as would serve us nicely at less than £200 for the Board & we pass over our present place to the new man when he come - thus saving the Board over £300. The creditors of the parties are turning out the people & since half price almost new property for less than half price, but here again Miss M. Eby, as often is her wont late years as spinsterhood comes on, so lorded it - declaring she would not

REC'D JUL 15 1904

ANS'D JUL 20 1904

Confidential — Boston June 21/04

Barton,

Not much time to write but will pass along the old-time steamer night-watch call "alls well" later. Here's the way life goes with us. Since penning these two lines I have had several interruptions — the last to count money & write two drafts, making up for this date three station drafts; for during the stagnation of business of late we were almost shut into a corner for money, but it has eased up a little now. I have too little time to write you as I hoped to do for this post but may hope for more next time. Sufficient thus we are in usual health & have no apprehension of general disturbances over here tho in N. region the pot is kept boiling more or less in the villages tho with the representatives of three strong Powers there we trust it will be averted there not a little. Further than this I can hardly speak to-day. As for our daughter's starting on this way, feeling confident no general disturbance will take place (Mr. Barton) he has written her & us he sees no reason why she may not leave with the party.

By the way, they write from Vou as tho the Jarrows for sure that they will be in town the first of Sept. and I should suppose it would be pleasant and economical for Miss Lord & our daughter to come

along with them. And do you know there is now a new line of German steamers that has started up plying between Bremen & New York direct taking emigrants for only £10 all expenses included. I should think it would be cheaper from your way for them to come that way and take less time. They leave Bremen on or about the 15th of each month, and should be leaving N. Y. city once a month also & naturally Dr. Creegan must know of it or could find out as to it.
Though I had hoped to get off Lab. Gen & station Genl Report this time but cannot, though do pass on the estimates for 1903 that should explain themselves.
The Underwoods will be speaking for themselves from their Eu base. We seems getting into so much more hopeful work there, as their letters of early impressions show, tho ~~we~~ there may be doubt if they will wish to return to be permanently located in B. But should our daughter come along she may persuade Mrs. U. to come on with her husband & all come together. We are writing him we don't believe in his being separated from his family all winter long for our sake here in B. – at least we boys feel so.
But perhaps more of this next week, as time is up and I must bring this hasty scrawl to a close now.

Cordially from us all
As ever
R. M. Cole

Bitlis, July 18th 1904

Rec'd AUG 11 1904
Ans'd AUG 29 1904

Our dear Friends;—

Another serious disaster has come upon this city from fire, as was the case some twenty two years ago, or over two years before our transfer here.

On Friday night, the 15th inst. we all retired with little thought of what was in store for nearly all the shops of town that count of importance. There was a fierce wind blowing, and it has prevailed much of the time day and night down to this date. It was about midnight when the first one in our compound discovered the flames as he looked from our elevation of more than 200 feet above the market. In an hour and half we were aroused and went to the roof to observe the fire that fanned by the wind was bursting forth already in glaring flames* for all the comparatively small amount of wood found in the structures. If only regimental" weavers had been as eager to stop the fire as they were to secure booty from its progress it might not have spread as it did, certain ones appearing at their own shop doors in hopes of saving some of their goods were driven back at the point of the bayonet, and one wounded even. The origin of the fire was from a brushheap lying a little distance away but belonging to a bakery

* their lights were seen three hours away.

from which a spark (the bakery) may have caused this calamity in which it also went a sacrifice, but of that no one is sure. Suffice it to say that some 400 shops were a total loss which with their contents would run up an aggregate of over £30,000 or some $135,000 which is a very heavy sum for such a town as this and in a region of such abject poverty.
We saw with our own eyes not a few of those supposed to be the bulwark of a government and safety of its people, hastening off with well-filled bags of goods only to return in great haste to fill them again!
Mr. Bowers and our colporteur came near being stabbed in his eagerness to reach the book depository in hopes of whisking away some of the bibles & other books, but failed, whereby there has been a loss in books of nearly $500.00
Most of the shops belonged to Kouds & not Christians and no such obstacles were presented the former so many of them saved more or less of their effects.
Still they had so much more than Christians, as a general thing, their losses were still heavy. We heard of one who lost one to two thousand liras worth and as a result went crazy altogether. Another who had hired a neighbor Armenian 7 sons to help dig in his shop, while the K. happened to be absent for a little, came upon a purse of gold, slipped into his pocket, as he affirms to pass the owner, but the argus-eyed "reserve" saw it, gave him such a blow across the back of his neck & shoulder as nearly ~~knocked~~

him to the ground and made off with the purse himself! Soon the K. appears and on being told of what had taken place gave forth abundance of fiery curses suited to all from the highest to the lowest in rank. Not a few similar cases took place and we hear to day petitions are going in to Gov^t by K's against "reserves". On the last poor raw recruits so recently brought in from the mountains, and so not yet under discipline, what but some such should be expected if not even more so that some of us at least thank God that there does not seem to have been any loss of life though a few seem missing and several were wounded - Not a few leading Moslems of our acquaintance openly decry the conduct of the "reserves" & conduct manifested not only by them, but by those who should have done better! The Gov^t officials have been moving around among the ruins and writing down the losses per statement of the interested parties, and such is the fear of those having carried off booty some of our employees even have been approached by "reserves" who tried to sell them at paltry prices dry goods, clothing & some gold, just as if the guilty party feared there was to be a day of reckoning and now a tel. to us announces Consuls are rushing on from Mousli, while report has it the vali is also, there may be some such intention in the air. We shall see later on. In much haste

As ever, R. M. Hatchman.

Bills, Ins. 18 1/2

Miss Ford
Mrs Pie
would find
it much
easier to read
the enclosed by
the side of
the enclosed a copy of the fire,
though hastily written, and several
copies for Mr. Peel & sister stations se-
cured from it, we trust you will be
able to read it, but with no critical
eye for all its blurs. We find reports have
gone to other stations, at least Van, so they
hear an event like that of '95 had taken place,
and so Dr. R. asked for our safety by wire.
Such news reached Moosh apparently, as a
Tel. from our B. Consul said we could expect
him & possibly a guest (likely French Consul)
on Wednesday - to morrow. His letter to me
by post made no mention of coming, but
on the contrary wrote asking me to send
on some more supplies for him.
Going to conduct hinted at for the reserves, &c.
~~hinted at~~ in enclosed, during the fire, they
may be rushing over for investigation but
to return to M. again. The Van Eng. military
Consul is still in Sassoun, and really some-
thing seems being done to reinstate those
again so unfortunate people -

AUG 29 1909

Apparently this may not reach
till near the time when our Ne
and Miss Lord should be setti
sail for this part of the world -
Of course some of you will have a
that she is fitted out with passport. We
have written her that probably Mis
Lord will act as treasurer for the tw
and when they reach Erzrum we ca
gather up her half and see that ou
daughters at Oberlin, O. remit it t
Dr. Higgin. I have wondered, how
ever why we might not put som
at least of our half upon the orphan
fund, for you know ladies have bee
sent out from England & Germany to
help probably less than our daughter
who has not a little language to begin
with, which they have not; and they
had outfits as I saw with the Miss
Bond at Erz, all road expenses & a
salij. Of course the outfit is nil f
Nellie and no salij is for once thoug
of but she will live with us. What
you of this thought? All in usual health
and rather made quiet preparations with so mu

REC'D JUL 21 1904
ANS'D JUL 21 1904

Dear Dr. Barton;

You may be shocked at my familiarity and informality in writing, but such haste can hardly bring forth much with an official look to it. The enclosed Lab. view will speak for itself, though we wish it might have a more satisfactory expression, but such as it is we send it along, as we did the Estimates last week. The coming weeks hope you may expect our general report, though with all the sayings of Watchman during the year you have been able to catch glimpses of us and the work we stand for. We do hope you are pushing with vigor for my full-fledged, ordained missionary associate & family, for you see how the Underwoods have left us for Eu for some length of time

return here for a permanency, but we hope for the best.
Here many weeks we graduate eight more boys, most of them orphans,
If you have not been to China Dr. Smith has
yet over officials of village one. There actual but Gov't
need would at these - like. one of seems reform these may
to have M. last & half outstations hope brought bands better
be you not one have homes and these in for
very know much from been from pupils cases what despicable
cautious condition improved the thirty M. in can is begets
how not though city deaths, and our get on to just time
me a now at from some ach together be such
write little. four bad affair plunder, are all hoped conditions
and Matters foreign and in it is from the some for our
here too. our Eng. knows not when he is return here.

Pittis, July 25/04

Ans'd AUG 29 1904

Ans'd AUG 22 1904

Our dear Friends:-

Two months have passed since Watchman spoke out from over these mountains to outsiders. The eleven feet plus of snow has followed with such bountiful rains that there is abundance of water still. The season came forward so rapidly we had new potatoes the 1st day of July & cutting of 1st clover previous to that. But Glorious Fourth did not find us very grandiloquent though some notice taken of it, but with no drum beat! The Year does not seem to favor going to camp, but we find it pleasant & wholesome sitting in the Underwood arden under the fruit trees that give a good shade. While N. S. and C. S. Missions seem to have gathered in their annual meetings as usual we of C. S. have done more at scattering & not having such occasions.- And as usual we might say, now for some years, still there is always room for improvement & hope further on, though when you hear of our fire added to other fortunes for Pittis these later years some may say - not for this poor town! Only twenty two years ago and cruel fire made its way over the same ground in market it did this time.- It began in a brushheap belonging to & not far from a bath, no bakery - whose spark may have been carried by the fierce wind, but of that there seems no certainty. Suffice it to say that some 400 shops went & the whole loss is estimated at over £30,000 or some $140,000! It began at dead of night & lasted some ten hours.-

though Moslems saved much of their goods but the Armenian not allowed to approach, from plundering of "reserves" & others Xns have suffered terribly. Some of our Prots. lost heavily fr them though not rich before, and we fear self support now has another setback, while poor people here feel even more discouraged. Khuntirgadar Armenian monastery lost 17 ships we hear while the Beg grandees lost 90 and in them our neighbor through the wall had interests. Still as he keeps right on adding new rooms to his already much enlarged house that is getting ahead of us, he does not appear poor. But as we sent out a circular as to the fire we need not treat of it further here at this pressure fr time. Our Anglo-American vice-consul Mr. Heathcote returned on the 20th from Moush after nearly nine weeks so-journ, and the next day arrived his colleague the French Consul, though the Russian is still at Moush, as also now for a few days our U.S. Consul, Dr. Norton of Harpoot, and a German doctor - they being on their way to Van we hear. But the Van Capt. Tyrrell seems still there though we hear he too will probably leave fr home this week, & fear it is a mistake if anything like a successful rebuilding of Bassoun is to be realized, some of the consuls do not hold on to push it. Of course it is hard fr such officials to be thus tied up just as it has for missionaries before them,

but without some foreign pushing (not from us mis-
sionaries, for I know of one who had enough of it
from the way it (rebuilding) has been destroyed) by foreigners. Our
fears are that with no improvements whereby this village
be brought into line with neighboring ones, for safety to life
and property, honor &c with some equal rights, there
are many months, if not weeks, there may be a repetition
of the 2nd last, for agitators will not down, come what may.
Heaven grant that our apprehensions be untrue and that
a brighter future at least with some improvement come about!

But turning from this darksome side in closing
let us refer briefly to the graduation exercises of
our Bitlis Boys High School. After usual examina-
tions on Friday the 22nd 9-11 A.M., rather cooler part
of the day - we graduated eight more of our boys (5
of them orphans - 2 of whom from Sasoun & one of these
last has been admitted on confession to Bitlis Church)
Though there was a crowd, as might be expected in B.
for an exhibition, and some noise especially in the
gallery among the women & children, still it seemed
to pass off very satisfactorily judging from appreciat-
ive remarks of non-participants. The English of-
ficial honored it with his presence till the end.
The vakil of Muarif or Inspector of Schs. whose chief
has been in Moush sometime, was on hand at
our invitation - remaining till the close. He kindly
made remarks and passed diplomas to the boys with

his own hand. After the close of the exercises he and others repaired to our house for place of special honor where, we are happy to say, we succeeded in getting him to certify to & seal the diplomas of this class but of the six of last year and also of one or two from the girls sch. as well.
Now is not this more of a cheery frontlet to darker background of the Bible's pen picture.
We work on in hope for something brighter ahead.
With so many officials drifting about under the insignia of foreign prestige something good should be realized or all the more shame for them and the government they represent out here.
We know there is much to discourage them, too, in regions where truth is often so covered up in falsehood, and their patience may be tried by carpers even at their best efforts, but in what line of duty whether civil or religious or educational can all be bright as we could wish.
I trust those to whom this hastily written circular comes will read it with charitable feeling realizing somewhat the conditions under which he is trying to get off some information to those whose eyes are turned this way; and if with all the interruptions on sending away pupils &c close of sch. &c &c. it does seem a scrawl something satisfactory may be read into it. As ever

R. M. Hatchman

AUG 29 1904

Rev. R. M. Cole

Bitlis, July 26/04

Dear Dr. [illegible]:-

Corresponding as much as you
e with our children in N.Y. & Aber-
in we take it as being with us & do not
pect so much from you direct; but
with so many eyes turns on these
egions we know you will have an
interest in such as the enclosed,
s also in circular about B. fire
last week. I find I can make better
time in use of copying ink with
which I get three pretty good copies
one of which I send Mardin & Aph
gone to Van & Erzrum. We hope
they may all find their way in safety.
We thank you for the manifest
interest you take in arranging for
the safe, comfortable passage out to
us of our dear Nellie; she, too,
seems so happy at the thought
of coming to us though we know
full well how her sisters and brothers
this side the seas will miss her.

My only wish [illegible] might have been
able to send Dr. [illegible] with her the
much needed re[illegible]sionary for
Fu Bittis. But, as I have befor
written coming via Syria th
could make ~~her~~ Bitis late as Jan
did we coming on this last tim
News Notes gives you a glance a
the situation, even if I did not
print it as ab other times. I
is slightly blurred but will n
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Dr. Fuller is supplying us
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not easy to get young men to go
to these regions - none from Aph.
entertain the thought for this year
Some of our pupils go to Aph for the
and the work of this field has chee
if fair conditions may obtain.
All in usual health. Hastily, Yr R.M.

Rev. R. M. Cole Bitlis, Aug. 2/04

REC'D AUG 29 1904
ANS'D AUG 29 1904

ear Dr. Barton;

Only time to say All's well!"
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day it is again reported criti-
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boards - Our Hdq U.S. Consul

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consul is also there. He fo
writes me he, and German
doctor accompanying him
will be with us in a few da
when we shall be able to gi
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R. M. S.

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Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Bitlis, Aug. 23/04

Ans'd OCT 6 1904

Dear Dr. Barton,

Many thanks for yours of 20th & 29th inst. at hand in usual time. Yes, it was not strange those Armenians "got their backs up" at not being called white, and we Americans lay no claim to being the only whites. We thank whomsoever has kindly arranged for the sailing ship & steamers time for our dear daughter & Miss Lord, but our Nellie did not yet know the particular day - having not yet heard from Miss Lord tho thought it might be Sept 3rd. Glad are we you are making diligent search for one a bona fide missionary associate. Of course Dr. H. is of the best but - he was - not a leper!, but a doctor in search of fairly prosperous med'l work which any one who knew Bitlis could say was not here. No, the Hs do not say they may not return here, but his letter by this post rather looks that way again by saying we had better not reign his opinion much on this or that, uncertain as was his future. But it would seem his work in Erz is not at all lucrative nor encouraging thus far; just had free patient in operating for stone & after 11 days he died. Yes, as I thought I had written you, we should find a way for the new missionary should you be able to send one late by southern (Syria) route, as I suggested. There are certain from number who would willingly

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see £ 1.500 go for the George P. K. old place, when if we les are judges we could buy which would suit us better for half or less, thou and. With so many emigrating houses are greatly down in price and why should we think of asking the Board to build much as would have to be the case with G. P. K. place, since it has very little room in it & the plan would be to add on. As for Miss K's health, constitution, &c doctors will have to decide naturally though more than one should deal with such a case lest he be biased in some way. There should be one here of more modern methods and practicality both for the women & male dept of the work. As, for instance, the old régime here protests against any Eng. for the girls here while in all the other stations it is very at the front, and when many of the girls as well as the boys are landing outside in other lands, where they feel the defect and complain not a little that neither they nor their teachers had Eng. Of course I am not satisfied with myself - have gone to seed quite too much & so wish a new man not particularly of my choosing but such a one as would be full of the Holy Ghost, & push like a hero! Do you know Dr. Raynolds suggested recently the Stapletons coming to Kittis where she could look after health of circle, sch, &c but not for practice outside, when Dr. H. could hold on at Cm but to have another missionary - perhaps he had in mind Cole, as he has lodged in the host, to be there long enough to initiate a new man. Excuse this hasty scrawl. Mrs. C. wrote you

Again last week I met all friends of Mrs. Peel. As I say Jones fair guide towards going home. Mrs. Peel is no friend of mine but I do not wish to see no friend disappointed.

Personal

Bitlis, Aug. 30th 1904

Ans'd SEP 26 1904
Ans'd OCT 6 1904

Dear Dr. James L. Barton:—

In keeping with your request we keep passing along frequent "Allo well" to help quiet anxiety for dear friends that side the waters may have for us. Though life seems rather a cheap commodity for poor exposed natives, or for such ones as have enemies who wish to lay off some old score, we do not consider ourselves in either of these classes, though far be it from us to boast. Except the Lord keep us, we better say. Nothing striking to report since our last though moving of troops & a few insurgents here & there furnish material for an explosion almost any time. Still we hardly think there can be any genl disturbance, for the Govt. fears that. We shall see what reports Dr. Norton brings back here many days as to what may be doing south of the lake, for there is rumor of plans of insurgents for those regions too.

Dr. Underwood sent us yours to him of the 28th ult. in which you call his attention to the proposed hospital for Diarbekir. We have some hope his wife may be persuaded to come along with her husband & our daughter who will be likely to captivate her not a little & persuade her hard! Of course you will have heard of this the second great disaster to the Prob. cause of Edn in that city here within a six months in the burning of the Boys fine High Sch. building still held in my name. We wonder if

there can have been any carelessness, for we recall how Mr. S. wrote us how not many weeks after the girls' building was burnt, it came near going from carelessness of some of the occupants at the time. But we have no further information than the Tel. that caught my eye as I entered our room after coming back from a preaching service I had been out 1½ hours to hold in a village. Another such heavy loss to our society not only in the building but in books of the depository as at our fire here! You will be interested in this from Mrs. Knapp to Mrs. Cole under the same date as yours to Dr. H. 28th ult. She says this as to her daughter when the former asked the doctor "If he thought Grace was almost ready to go back to Turkey. He said "No" don't ever think of her going to Turkey again. Set her mind off from the spirit land." He said her cough was from her lungs & that they had not healed yet & she must be careful". Her coughing so much gives fear that tuberculosis will become active again. I will assure you we are very happy here together", &c. Please consider this as to her as confidential, for the minute the Elys read this they resented it and thought it was not so bad as that, and "supposing she did not come back for four or five years it was no more than some others had done", &c. But I need say no more, for you know we ladies feel there should be reinforcement in the female dept as well as male, soon but the Es can think of nothing save G. or one of her choice but we feel you could close better than she or they for even then Miss. Abl. is not as it was formerly. She would advance. Hastily &c

R. M. Cole

Cortlandville, N.Y.
Aug 30 - 1904

Our dear Friends: - 7 copies Sept. 27-1904

Though you will be receiving about this time at the hands of Dr. N. of Apt communications of importance and by last post from M. my somewhat vertical emphticism it seems important that we now give you in brief what we were able to gather from so near an approach to Sassoun as Moush city of the present situation of the poor people, what their most urgent needs and how they should be supplied if a disaster akin to famine & pestilence is to be avoided for the coming winter. Of the S. 38 villages & mountain hamlets of varying size from a few up to a hundred or more families a conservative estimate would count at least 5,000 in much need of nearly everything, while about an equal number went a sacrifice in late "events." The apparent intent was to exterminate those mountaineers, root & branch, and so not only shot, shell, sword, dirk-knife, &c played an important part in the sad sacrifices but fire as well & general looting as in the minor affair there in 1894. Hence they were deprived of domiciles, cattle, sheep, &c - those escaping being only left with the scanty clothing they had on their backs, or if in the night, as in some cases with even less than that. Consuls seemed to rely somewhat on the promises of Gov^t officials that they would rebuild the houses & supply rations for the poor people. But alas for such hopes for an adequancy, since mere booths in place of houses, and they "few & far between". Only paltry sums of money were given, so that the hungry ones deprived of rations when they needed strength for building, have

2/ realized little for dwellings here so near to the cold of winter,- not a tenth of what should be their portion. Naturally the time for building is over as rains are beginning but "if worst comes to worst" some may later have to drop down to Mt. City, and a few had filtered through virtual siege line of soldiery as a few of late & had opportunities to question them as to their situation. Though grain was sent up earlier for certain of the villagers, still now starvation stares them in the face, for nothing has been given them of late by Govt. though it is talked they are going to again. If jealousy & obstructions do not arise certain parties are already entering upon a special arrangement whereby grain & native cloth for clothing are being supplied so far as funds hand will permit. Meanwhile will readers of these lines ask what their duty may be to help call in the funds in this humanitarian scheme - thus holding the ropes while those not near the ground will try to do faithfully what they can, as in the past. Our doctor may be able to help out in such lines, for there is no little of typhoid, smallpox, measles, &c among the people as well as soldiery, which calls for medical work as well as the other. Nearly a score of villages on Mt. plain, too, have been more or less looted, houses burnt & hundreds killed, and so it is the dark wave rolls on with almost daily accretion; but with outside sympathy & co-operation for this so unfortunate part of humanity there is hope not a little alleviation of the suffering may be realized at the hands of those on the ground whose great demand must be for funds.

Kondistan, Sept. 27/04 One-Who-Knows-

Our dear Friends: Bitlis, Oct. 11th 1904

Rec'd NOV 8 1904
Ans'd NOV 30 1904

For all the many & varied of things to chronicle since our last issue of the 25th July environments do not encourage our pen in that direction, consuls, too, get little encouragement, though some of them, at least, do not varnish the truth as we happen to know.

Though two Eng. vice-consuls, one French, one American consul & a Russian one, have been at Moush & in Sassoun for longer or shorter periods of time all have left there now - the last, the Russian, coming on to Bitlis for permanent residence, Sept 24th and getting down at the door of the Underwood house left vacant since Dr. & family went temporarily to Erzroom. Obviously this new official is one of the most disreputable of his cloth. Quite in contrast to him, however, was our own American consul Dr. Norton from Harpoot, who has been visiting these regions, studying American interests, & such a clean, sympathetic, courtly gentleman leading us to say Would there were more such in the service! Along with Dr. N. was a very pleasant medical young German, Dr. Volland who practised in M. & B. somewhat. It was while they were here that the escapade took place at Sheniram village between a band of insurgents, regulars, Ks, &c with death in all of some 150. This, together with several such skirmishes in villages on Moush plain, and the more formidable one at Van later, while he was there, gave him a smell of powder & may help him to punctuate with more emphasis the need of a consul of our own in these parts to look after American interests.

Since he left here more obstructions are in evidence for our schools in the outstations, and for our holding real estate & buildings even though we have at least "five points of the law" on our side.

On the 25th we had quite a violent thunder shower with such severe & unexpected claps as frightened Ks in market & led one to exclaim "I verily thought insurgent guns were being turned upon us"!

In some six months 11 families, 68 persons - 13 of whom are communicants - have left our congregation, nearly all of them for Tiflis while others seem planning to leave in the Spring - time ever being a few from outside our people as well. With our church deacon & secretary among that number it might seem as though "the bottom of things was falling out", still with our so many grown-up orphans & a goodly number of promising young men frequenting our Sab. service we yet have a fairly well-filled house.

Though our summer quarters at the mountain have not been occupied by us, the zabtieh in charge, has so belabored & beaten, as to obliege by certain of his own race, that he lost his gun in a

offray and himself became such a candidate for the hospital tha
ere after nearly three months he is only able to creep out & about a lit
his only boast being the 14 scars he bears about in his person! Thi
vent took place on the very day & about the time he was to meet further up
mountain the "Parson" & escort him on from Sab. service at Khoutigvilla
But Providence arranged another Zaptieh escort & nothing untoward happe

Miss M. Ely & the "missionary in charge" accompanied Dr. Norton as far a
nouh, and put in some important spiritual visitations in those regions
thus begetting enough heart in workers & people so services are more regular ne
We took along two of our teachers who have passed on to take up theol'y at Aph.
We have need enough for more preachers & teachers though with the sch. ob-
structions referred to above & most abject poverty of the people prospect
are far from bright & so feel those so bent on emigration.

Our new teacher of Boys High Sch, a graduate of last class from Amitot College
is starting in well; he is introducing calisthenics among the boys, and
they all take hold of it with much interest. Different from many such
teachers he seems to have a fondness for boys & attracts them, often
entering into their plays and being a fellow with them in all places.
Our Vali & several other officials have gone to Sassoun as if to in
spect & take charge of the new barracks put up there in four places.
Would they might find many a house built there for the poor people
and learn if they have any preparation to face the nearing winter
age in planning for helping some in such lines & already have done so
best & naturally not least for the Cole family is the coming, D. V. pos
bly next week of their daughter Miss Nellie A. as a her to stay
their hands for a few years in care of orphans & otherways
is of interest to note that her letters from Oberlin as to separation
from her two sisters, here from Saratoga, where she & bro. Frank older in
their aunt a week. Coming on to sail from Boston the 14th and
letter from London, together with Mr. Peet's postscript saying she
arrived at Constple the 1st inst. & Mr. Crawfords saying she was to ar-
rive the next forenoon Oct. 6th - all these I was about to say kep
company the last half of the way, and came tumbling out of the
same mail bag on the same day up here in our old Bitlis.
Dr. H. who returns to B. without his family for the winter is kindly
escort her on though paterfamilias plans to pick them up in the
north part of our great parish where he goes for a fall tour.

Will be of interest to the fraternity to know our son Frank now
Senior class Amherst College plans taking up the Gospel ministry pe
of the Lord as he feels, and he has joined the "Student Volunteers
if his eyes were towards service in foreign lands.

Watchman R. M.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constpl Oct. 11/04

Rec'd NOV 8 1904
Ans'd NOV 30 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

It has been a few weeks now I think since I personally wrote you, and I have not time to do so now in a respectable manner. But as you see all about our Mission House paper has run out unexpectedly, for I supplied Dr. H. with a small amount; and, if I might make bold to say it Postage allowance has also given out as I told you earlier it would. Still we must have a familiar chat now & then. Just now yours of Aug. 30th lies before me. You will have had per material sent on at hands of Dr. Norton not a little of matters you query about in yours. Yes, we have learned as to plans of our daughter & have some thought she may reach us the last of next week, as I have stated in Circular enclosed.

I find natives who should know seem to feel the children might be gotten on to their father as per request of Mr. Sartigian of Fresno, to whom I may write later.

No, all the puff & blow of those ships down by the sea have reverberated in an opposite direction so far as helping remove obstructions for our Sch^s, as Nakelmian tells you. Let them put on more steam, say "we all of us" and let them hold their ground! We are glad for your faith that the Lord is to raise up the right missionary for Bitlis. As Dr. H. comes on to resort our daughter & lay hold of work possibly for the winter, we shall see what we can concoct for the future. I have in mind to see if he can not superintend some relief work we are being drawn into again for this so ill fated province Sassoun. While

there he can also do something for medical work & he has in mind to have not a little time thus among the out-stations, perhaps taking along one of our ordained pastors. From what he writes us, as probably he may tell you, he feels somewhat annoyed, apparently, that he has been voted over upon another station & that Diar, should be thought of as his final permanency since that is so full of malaria & from which place late Mr. G. E. Knapp pled for better air in Bitlis in 1859. We are sorry to lose them; he is a pleasant young brother indeed, though having two children so near together & they sickly taxed her nervous system not a little & we are sorry for it. We have had some hope our young daughter might persuade Mrs. H. also to come along back even for the winter, but from the way they have pressed having their such a fine house rented to the Russia Consul, things sold, &c there now seems little hope of that, but we shall see. I am having no little anxiety now as to certain of the American Board's property that we have not yet been able to get turned over to our own names. There seems a determination to keep us out of the right of holding certain fields that belonged in fact to one of our orphans & on which I advanced money to free them from the mortgage to the Agricultural bank. Promptings have been given here by certain Ks determined to make this an entering wedge to come into control of this, as they have of many other near villages. When they could find no other excuse to block the wheel they got up an order from G. that "on military reasons" it must not be turned over to Mr. G. who might use it for military purposes!! This & some other cases of property are being referred to Constple. the Eng. vice-consul kindly acting for us in pushing it with our Legation. Any prayers go up with you as you gather to-morrow for an' meeting. Hastily, &c

REC'D NOV 21 1904

American Consul Dr.Norton of Harpoot writes as follows as to Sassoun after having passed through that illfated province back from Bitlis to Hpt. "The condition is most serious". . ."The survivers of the massacre number nearly 10,000. They saved little but their lives. Nearly every house in the regions was completely plundered & then burned. Worst of all their flocks & herds,practically their only source of food & raiment,as well as income, were completely swept away. The unfortunate people,after receiving for a short period an allowance from the government of one cent per capita and per diem for subsistence,now are without food as winte approaches them. The diseases usually following upon fright,expesure,exhaustion & insufficen food,are rapidly becoming epidemic especially among children.

Progress has been made in restoring the burned dwellings so that probably the question of a bare shelter before the advent of winter will be settled in most cases. Sufficient firewood can be also secured without great difficulty. There remain the vital questions of warm clothing,of bedding & of food for which no provision is made. The situation is practically tha of many parts of Macedonia twelve months ago,altho,while the number involv' is less, the remoteness from the coast & the greater severity of the climate increase the danger of widespread suffering and mortality.

The helplessness of this mountain folk in their need is hightened by the enforcement of administrative measures which prevent the people from leaving their ruined villages & seeking assistance or work in more favored localities. Their case is one appealing most strongly to the sympathies of the benevolent. Unless aid is rendered promptly,few may be left to receive it. The region is bare & desolate. Clothing, blankets & food must be bro't from outside before the approaches to the mountains are blocked by snow.

The only persons within a short distance of Sassun region, competent to direct any measure of prompt relief,are W.J.Heathcote,Esquire,H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul at Bitlis, and Rev.R.M.Cole of the same city,missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. Both are familiar with existing conditions, and with the facilities for meeting the exigency.

It should be mentioned that several thousand destitute villagers upon the great Mush plain, adjoining the Sassun mountains are equally in sore straits. Their advantage over the Sassun folk lies in the fact that they are less exposed to the rigor of winter, and they can at least beg from surrounding villagers where the torch has not brought destruction".

The above dark picture of what the consul has actually seen goes well to corroborate,indeed surpass,what our pen has pictured of the situation in the past from information we had & from our experience in the four months for the first rebuilding of houses there after the much smaller"event" in 1894. But the great question now is What is to be done under present most alarming condition. In our very recent visit to Moush & regions we set going some little relief,while now enough grain has been made ready so we may hope soon no little food supplies will be on the ground if no obstructions arise when now soon we propose to ask the local Govt.indorsement of such a humane scheme as we seem forced to take up again for that poor so sinned-against mountain people.

With a sad interest,

Bitlis, Oct.18/04

R.M.Cole Missionary

Oct. 18, 1904

Bitlis, Oct. 25th 1904

Rec'd NOV 21 1904
Ans'd NOV 30 1904

Dear Dr. Barton; —

You will excuse me for not writing on regulation paper, for all at once we discovered Mission House paper had given out. Have written to see if Erz can supply any. You will have had impressions from our pen per Mr. Peet, Dr. Norton & our son in N.Y. city — 53 West Fifty-fifth St. It is little I can write this time, but there may be an enclosure & perhaps all again go at hands of Mr. P. as caution. Of course we have been hearing on the way from our Miss Nellie as she has made her march eastward. It is among the mysteries to us how Miss Lord came to sail so late even to come to Erzr & why in deciding on the time she should recall that "no one liveth to her or himself," and so cast a thought that our dear daughter was ticketed for a more distant point into the Interior where she has high mts. to cross over. It does seem as tho some poor planning had been done in the matter by some one, for "when we were young" we never should have thought of such a late day for the northern route. But all will be well that ends well & certainly terrible as has been the weather, — fierce rain with terrible thunder, sleet & little sifting of snow on one of the mountains here, the party has reached Erzroom in safety. Seeing how very bad the weather was here & fearing dear Nellie might be pushing the doctor (to be her escort on) unduly to start, after what we had said of the lateness of the season, four days ago we telegraphed as follows "American Nellie. Erzr. Terrible rains. Don't start till weather cleared. Papa." In less than 24 hours came her reply as follows. "Arrived yesterday. Tel. rec'd. Am well. Will start Thurs. weather permitting. Nellie."

Of course it rejoices fond parents' hearts to thus shake hands direct even though this Turkey wire in the Ottoman Empire. Her letter penned at Trebd. aboard by Post just arrived tells of the pleas and times she had there & of how she understood much of the sermon in Armenian on the Sab. Dr. H. writes they expected them the next day. This much as a snatch from our family chapter, you may say. But to close ib I might say that the call for humanity in the M. region bids fair to take me to M. city this week, perhaps with the Van Eng. vice-Consul (military) who cordially offers to help me in the noble work. Our dear one's party will not leave till day after to-morrow, if weather permits & not reach here till next week Friday or Saty. You can see it is not to be easy for me to forego the pleasure of going on to meet her, which I planned doing in connection with a tour to the northern part of our great parish. But "no man liveth to himself" we must not only preach but practise as well even in such a case as this. I hope after getting matters more under way there Dr. H. can come over & replace me so I can come home in one or two weeks when our daughter may welcome me instead of I her. There are not a few other things I would write you as to the work. ed. especially - in these regions that seems threatened with still more trying obstruction - this time it touching the property of the Board held in name of natives because there is a persistency against foreigners holding in our name, or acting as general superintendent of Schs. in the outside field. Still we know a mighty volume of prayer are ever going up for us & the work, & especially in late meeting at Grinnell, must it be true & with such upe-holders we [illegible] not to labor in vain we know. Hastily, &c - R. M. Cole

5 copies

W. W. Peet, Esq. Bitlis, October 25th 1904.

Eastern American Board Missions in Turkey.

Dear Mr. Peet:

Presumably you will have part or all of a telegram that went five days ago to the Eng. Embassy as to the Van massacres, and the information gathered was supplementary to and later than in Dr. Norton's you will have seen, and to which I took you from Mr. City and since my return home.

Workmen from near regions were taken into the province to labor on one of the four extensive barracks being made there in as many different localities. Them lack of food & room soon left 15 dead in it. They soon sickened, for what was to be expected when their diet was bread from commonest millet flour & it baked without salt upon a flat stone under which they built a fire. After only eight days, when it was seen they could not work more from their sickness, they were discharged. This was in Sakuntsor and Ungongnag region whence they came. In their return, via Salvorig where they passed a night. Nothing had been done in restoring the poor creatures, destroyed houses. Almost stark naked (so that the women were ready to divide their own garments with them had they permitted) they were crouching beneath leafy boughs they had improvised to protect them from the sun, but under which & with no semblance of bedding they shiver with cold the whole night. Many were sickening & dying from exposure and hunger. Without bread or meat they were trying to subsist on walnuts! Only two or three aged, infirm men were seen; and the women affirmed that all their men had been killed so far as they knew. "Here we are in such a terrible lot as this and we are not allowed to go to the plain to scatter among the villages to beg our bread."

Confirmatory of this last was the fact that said workmen had to be furnished with Zapers in order to pass the investing guards here and there on the way. Though a few houses had been built in Tabiagan, Samal & Sheuilly, but so crude and insignificant they can hardly stand the rains & storms and have only been in these three new villages only some 60-70 such ones, what are they for the thousands to huddle in! Those workmen were guests at one such home in Samal only four hours from Manila city. The poor family only had for house furnishing a little old Bassis or mat spread upon the ground where all were expected to curl up canine like as if to sleep! But what as to food for the guest & children crying from hunger! A little millet meal is found, is brought into ought to be dumped between the workers & mixed with them and water for the baking! But from the ash-leaf it comes, if wrongly cooked is at least hot, and in demand among the hungry ones. But the guests seeing the situation utterly refused to eat from a morsel from the crying children & packed on their backs in the early morning. This for testimony as we took it from eyewitnesses. Leaving the gravity of the situation & consulting the Consul & he prefaced & dwelt among the 3th referred to at the beginning of his advice consulted the Cadi-acting Governor for assistance & at once administering the same cash $400.00 in hand. He not heard of distress he said but would give the cabin Salvador a result of writing the Embassy the Grand Vizier says at first too is to be sent for relief at once, but we apply for succors as what is to be the attitude towards accepting foreign aid. fear much Gov.t so called relief has gone for barrados & selling have fell from the first it was a mistake for that people to such as hard to return to their province & have sufficient to whence such promptings reached; naturally the consuls and Embassies backed up the desire of the people but at the future will show they had better been located on the plains as Gov.t wished where their condition could been taken and rid of all but now I fear such prompt reservation of that should a disaster is planning for them then, not from attack

of a vicious but from the disorganized state of the religious, relationship of the nations from the Gov.t for a time, as they have

Rec'd DEC 5 1904

Our dear Friends:- Bitlis, Nov.8th, 1904.

Our issue of Oct.11th being with pen we could not take many copies & some of them were not a success, so we may repeat a few items in this one, like, two Eng.Vice-Consuls, a French & Russian, as also our own American one, Dr.Norton of Harpoot, have been in Moush regions for longer or shorter periods. They no doubt did much good-perhaps saving a few villages, tho, they seem to take little credit to themselves in this line, it seems. The Russian came on a short time since to take up a permanent residence in Bitlis, and seems one of the most disreputable of his cloth. The other consuls left Moush sometime before he did, feeling some assurance the Govt.was to meet its promises in re-patriating & house-rebuilding for that people; but we are sorry to believe comparatively little has been done in those lines. Quite in contrast to the Russian official was our DrpNorton who, with a pleas young German doctor visited these parts-spending a short time at M.city & on his return from Van the ~~latter~~ former went right down through Sassoun-seeing much. Such a pleasant, courtly gentleman as was Dr.N.made us feel all the more how we wished there were more like him in the service so important here of late. It was of sad interest for us to see that his observations in Sassoun only too nearly confirmed what information we gained as near as M.on the subject. Government has been diligent in its way of putting up rather extensive barracks in five different locations there absorbing the trees the poor people needed so much for their own houses if they are to have such permanent homes. For all the Govt.doled out insignificant rations for some of the people for a time & especially the 3 to 5,000 that were in M.a short time later it was cut off altogether; so here so near winter what can the poor ones do! We are doing what we can with our something over Lt.500 to conserve life, but when permit was sought so it might move on uninterruptedly the reply given at C. was "The Grand Vizier undertakes to do what is necessary". But with the Van Capt.Tyrrell on the ground already to be assisted by us we hope for good. Before he went on to M.our Vali returned from another brief visit down thro Sassoun where he, in company with various other officials & photographers taken from Bitlis, he took over the barracks in a sort of dedicatory service. It is to be hoped these barracks harboring several hundred soldiers will prevent insurgents making the regions their rendezvous as in the past & so there not be the danger of another bloodshed again so soon. Certain it is with them scattered we are having it quieter of late & the storm center is more in the Vilayet to our Eastward, tho we would not yet boast for ours.

People are much discouraged so that in six Mos.now 11 families, 68 persons have left our congregation with still more to follow while not a few from the Gregorians have & are going, & so the wave rolls on with a dark future.

We were very happy in welcoming our daughter Nellie A., in company with Dr.Underwood, on the 3rd inst. For all the heavy roads & so much rain they arrive safe & sound with good courage & spirits for all their glimpse of robbers at a time & not safe place where they happened to be without zabtiehs! The cold that had followed her from the Atlantic voyage to end at Con/ple in what Eng.one-pound-a-visit doctor termed bronchial-pneumonia, but which did not detain the party beyond time of the boat they preferred to take for Treb. We are most happy to find her so well now & so in possession of her language of eight & half years ago that she makes herself quite at home among old friends, calling them by name & not in need of an interpreter. She is already taking horeback rides here, tho just off the road. ~~As~~ That she is a sort of Hur to stay up our hands in our many-sided duties-being such a comfort to her fond parents, goes without saying, but which only parents, perhaps, can fully appreciate. Of course it was hard for her to leave her two sisters & two brothers even to come to us for two or three years. It will interest the fraternity to know that her Bro.Frank next older, now Senior at Amherst College, joined the the "Student Volunteers a year ago. Cordially yours, R.M.Watchman.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constpl
Nov. 8th 1904

Ans'd DEC 5 1904

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Ans'd DEC 5 1904

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Here is just one leaflet more of the old Mission House paper, I am writing to see if they have any of it at Constpl; for with my Bliss writer I cannot yet make quite time as with the pen. As you will see by Watchman's the Cole parents are very happy in having their Nellie N. with them safe & sound after her long, trying journey. This week's post is at hand this day & we hope to see coming out of the bag your speaking of the visit with you of our dear son Frank & this dear Nellie, as you say in this you had written. But that letter seems still a wanderer somewhere. This post we only had one written at Oberlin, while Nellie was still there, though we have had various ones from her all the way along - the last one being from Erzroom. This may give us hope that yours will yet turn up as your first glimpse of our loved ones. Many thanks for the kind things you say in this just on the eve of your leaving in the one meeting when the incubus of that $20,000 was weighting all you dear friends at the Rooms.

As you hint there has been no little disturbances in our regions, but it is quieter now, as Watchman says.

But what gives us more concern perhaps is the virulent opposition to our schs. the present Inspector seeming the worst of any we have had yet. He has just closed our sch. at Head ward of this City when it has a bonafide permit; so we are after that question, as well as for the girls sch. one in Mouth City. Oh that those ships may not cease to hang about Mr. Leishman before. Without doubt the decision as to Miss Knapp's not returning is a wise one, and as for another being chosen to fill her place it seems to us & the Underwoods very unwise not to have another on the ground to be learning the language, we see the embarrassment you are in, but why not have one side-tracked at Ern or Van and that may have been in mind when Miss Boob was sent to Ern. With one all ready at one of those places this place would not need be left open, as would surely be the case if one even of the Elys stepped out, as they would probably not separate - if one went the other would, and certainly if you could see how Miss Ely's the elder-hand sometimes shakes & note some other symptoms in them both you would realize better the situation. I never feel the person himself or herself can judge best of all what danger may be upon them. We saw this in late Miss Nicholson at Ergm when we & doctor (Eng.) under the war there could not make her see her status as we did till it was too late. - I had expected to be in Mouth again before now but circumstances have hindered. Probably Dr. U & I shall go together ere many days, but I cannot remain

Our dear Friends;- Bitlis, Turkey, via Constan/ple, Dec.31/0

Here we give another bow to friends ere the old year closes, albeit we are looking out from over eleven feet of snow-an unheard-of fall, even for Bitlis in the memory of the oldest inhabitants, this early in the season. Several times these twenty years we Coles have been in the place we have taken horseback rides on Christmas or New-Years, but now what do we see! Nov.23d 4inches; Dec.3d was 8, while on the 22nd was 18; 9 on the 26th, with 27 on the 27th-sufficient unto the day's date was the snow thereof! On the 29th it was 21, and on yesterday 8, which are the larger falls, while the smaller ones, together with what has come today rounds out the 11 feet as above stated! Judging from the present outlook one would think we might this winter be in danger of breaking the old reputed record of 25 to 30 feet even! If any one can point out a more striking place for snow let him rise & tell us. There is said to be a heavy fall at Moush also, while on the Lake-shore there is little, as is reported. Of course such an early, unprecedented winter must make is very hard for the so many poor about. Most of them have been deprived of their cattle as live stoves to keep them warm in the villages, while not a few are drifting about town hungry & ragged seeking to mortgage crops they may hope to have the coming season, if but they may keep the wolf from the door & procure seed with which to sow their fields. Dark, dark indeed is the picture We tell the people there is for them this comfort that the deep snows have also shut in the wild Ks so they cannot raid them so easily, and thus a few peaceful nights of slumber may be their portion. But such conditions crush hope, almost manliness, if not life itself out of them. Not a few in utter discouragement are fleeing their villages, partly to escape the merciless taxgather, and taking refuge as serfs of Kourdish & Circassian masters, and of these some are from our Prots. of Boulanouk & Akhlat villages. Of course this, together with such frequent obstructions to our Schs. as we have been meeting these past years, does not give a bright outlook for our winter teachers. But of our eight graduate boys this year & six last all but three are at work in teaching in the field, while of the three two are of town & not so needy of work & too timid to venture to the villages, the other is off for U.S.

The new Inspector of Schs. keeps such a sharp eye out for us that he has suppressed two having permit of some years standing, but we are in pursuit of the question & trust they will be opened after many days!. Our Vali not a little ailing of late so is not at Govt. called both him & myself, together with a sort of special Comee. & asked us two to "argue" which we did, and as appeared we came off best for the M. girls' school, while we are to meet again for other.

Our new teacher for Boys' High Sch., graduate of Aintab College last class is doing splendidly thus far. Govt. does not seem to turn eyes on men from A.

Before the deep snows were on the new Russian consul, at no small expense, had a big splurge to celebrate the Czar's birthday on the nineteenth, ending it off with fireworks that began ere daylight was gone-no Japanese were near!

Previous to these continuous snows now for 12 days, we had very perceptible earthquakes twice on the 15th-once at 10½ A.M. & again five hours later. Dr. Underwood, with assistants, is still at Moush, probably trying to administer still more help recently at hand-it being up to date something over Lt.2,000 The plateau at our north is so blocked we know not how they are at M. though we do know there is much sickness now in town as well as among the soldiery. We are thinking of delaying Week of Prayer services, perhaps to O.S. reckoning or till Easter so people may not have so good an excuse for not turning out to the services. Hoping for the best of the season for all, R.M. Watchman.

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Bitlis, Jan. 1st 1905

Dear Dr. Barton;

For all New Years callers are pushing in upon us, I will dash off a few lines personal in addition to the Notes that give you the news about us. As we are practically under siege from the snow-blocked roads around our world is rather small for news. No posts from the north or south, and even we have no letters from Dr. Undustood still taking my place in the relief work at Moush.

Our English friends have been generous in responding to our letter on conditions, so we are enabled to help conserve poor humanity.

These time you can hardly tell how much help our dear Nellie is to us. She is carry nearly all the correspondence for the boy orphans with their foster parents, besides helping out in oh, so many other ways!

To-morrow begins our Week of Prayer with the early prayer meeting. You can think of the difficulty of many coming out to these meetings clambering over snows that sometimes, from the roof-clearings, have filled the narrower lanes up to the roof of the second story; I fear not many women at least, can get out. We shall see how it turns. We are all in usual health, & our noses

are still above the snows!

The last we have from you was your in reply to Mrs. Coles. You spoke as tho' Em had asked for the underwoods, but vote of the mission is natural to be sought. Mr. Stapleton gave notice that votes would starting - probably via Van.

Excuse this sort of Pattis midnight (for hope dawn is to come some time) call "Call well"! and with warm greetings from us the with compliments of the season. Sincerely the nearly while we are waiting -

R. H. C.

Rev. R. H. Coles,
Bithia
Jan. 1. 1905.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople
Jan. 21st 1905

Rec'd MAR 1 1905

Ans'd MAR 10 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton; —

Very many thanks for yours of 30th Nov. enclosing appros. in summary form for 1905. and also for your second one dated Dec. 6th telling of the contribution $135 92/100 by the Boston Evangelistic Armenian Church for our Moush-Sasoun Relief. I enclose a circular on this subject, after reading which perhaps you will kindly pass along to Uncle of that church as will report to them our very high appreciation of this so generous an amount from them. I would write them personally as I have many others, one of them Miss Alice Stone Blackwell near you, but I do not know any particular one of them but only what you tell us of the contribution. We are giving so little time to such letters. It is very kind in you to speak so complimentarily of our son Frank - just such words as please parents of course. Missionary children should not fall below their parents. Our daughter was very well pleased with Miss Kool, her traveling companion from Bonville, and she corresponds with her. Miss K's desire most of all is evangelistic work. The not unexpected is coming rounds as to our associates the NC. Our vote for their transfer there came here, and we returned it to him yet in Moush to see if he

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insisted on our signing it enough to put his name at the top, but without his name or expressed desire it would look as though we were giving him a send-off would it not? He answers that the change is to be like pulling the tooth of his servant that came so hard his instrument flew up & drew blood from his jaw as well! Thanks for the newspaper clippings you kindly sent us. An Hon. E. C. Emerson of Titusville Penn. gave us $1,000.00 & requested Miss Wheeler to telegraph it on, which she did to Peb for our relief, while he supports five of our boy orphans as well. We are very glad for the help & encouragement you are finding in the new Secy Dr. Patton. Perhaps as he comes from St. Louis he can so manipulate it that Dr. Burnham's ch. take my salary again, for as they wrote me his predecessor, Dr. Daniels, told them our Eastern ch. had plans of taking me up & thought it might be Ranger Hammond St. I belong to in membership, but they had already taken up one I know of no other ch. that contemplates doing so. We are sorry the Board year closed with so much debt. As I wrote you we felt our only 18% for appropriations made up when Maidin had most paid and Em the Russian hall should be raised but you do not speak of it - probably feel it is a question for the meeting and that is not the only one I fear. From the way our students write me that have gone & taken up theology at Ann. I fear there may be a serious question as to Mr. Carey's being the right man in his chair. They say he makes out not a little of the old Test. to be a myth or legend. I don't believe much in that so called high (low!) criticism even tho my college classmate late Prof Curtiss has on that track & certainly it seems to me very dangerous for this land. Let us not turn round & tear down the old Book good enough for us as we studied it

Directed to the missionary at Pitlis.

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Dear Sir:

We, the Prots. of Khoultig, come unitedly to make known in this brief letter our deep gratitude for kind help & consideration we have received from the Board at your hands for these years. Though we have been slow in giving formal expression to the appreciation we ever bear with us in sincere thanksgiving for all these things, be assured we feel it more than words can express. When we take note of the ceaseless effort you bestow to ennoble us & our race mentally, morally & materially we cannot remain indifferent, and we take this opportunity to express to you & your society our deep gratitude. Through such help we have a place for service & school, thereby having preaching of the gospel & instruction in our large school; many places we know are not supplied with such buildings & with these blessings, while added to these other things you often visit us to give us cor these discouraging times. Only for such help & fatherly are how miserable we should be & how left to terrible tribulation, and how many have been helped materially or they ould have died! It is thus God has called you to comfort us & our race in general & special ways - you helping & toning for any lack in us. While, then, we have so ttle materially to offer in return for all this we do beg present you & the Board our sincere gratitude & our ledge of obligation to do all we can to carry these burens ourselves, and may the Lord bless you.

On the hart of the evangelicals of Khoultig church

and here followed twelve signers - mostly members - written some time ago when former preacher there.

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DEAR PATRONS OF SASSOUN AND REGION RELIEF.

Though we have written to not a few of the many kind friends that have so generously listened to still another cry of need going up from humanity in Sassoun & near so illfated regions, yet we wish to reach a still larger number in lands far remote so they, too, may the clearer realize what is being done with their money.

As the Government was flush in its promises of rebuilding their houses, supplying the poor people with wheat, etc., we deemed it better to give them time to make good their words, lest by our beginning they stop their procedure, in hopes we should do it all; so we planned to supplement what they did.

From the dark look of things in our tour there in Sept. I set going in a covert way a little relief & purchased considerable wheat. Later, on our return to Bitlis, we purchased & sent on quite a quantity of native cloth, some plain rugs to serve as bedding, while reed-mats to spread under the same upon the ground were made ready at Moush from supplies brought in by the villagers

From report of the American consul of his tour throught the region about this time fears, we gained in Moush as to alarming conditions there were fully confirmed. Later the British vice-consul, Capt. Tyrrell of Van, ordered on to see what the Govt. had actually done by way of rebuilding, volunteered to help us in distribution, and after ten days investigation among the villages was back in Moush ready to join us in beginning the work openly. As I was hindered at the time, my young associate, Dr. Underwood, arrived from Erzroom via Bitlis entered upon the work vigorously together with Capt. T. and native assistants. Capt. T. had substantiated what I learned at M. that nearly 8,000 survivers were to be provided for in among those well-nigh impassable mountains, and some other despoiled & partially burned villages on the plain near M. This was in Nov. and in a few weeks Capt. T. felt obliged to return to Van lest deep snow block the roads & stop his caravan; but Dr. U. is still gallantly holding on while I may be able to join him later, or replace him should he feel to leave for a time. Up to the present nearly $10,000 has been disbursed in grain & money, about $1,000 being raw material for clothing, bedding, etc. most of it being of native manufacture & by those thereby gaining their bread in their own poverty, as well as supplying those poor despoiled villages in cloth to the amount of some 750 webs or 16,000 Turkey yards (each one 27 inches). Dr. U. writes that eight days ago he purchased 1206 godes wheat-about $400.

This gives in a nutshell how things have gone up todate & will all friends to whom this may come bear in mind it bears along deep gratitude from the people themselves, as also from us who are doing all we can to keep them alive

In closing I might quote briefly from said consular reports & letters as to the situation sometime ago, though that of Dr. Norton, we hear has appeared in some of the American papers that friends may have seen, & was dark indeed. After telling of the plundering & burning of the houses he says "their flocks & herds, practically their only source of food & raiment, as well as income, were swept away and now they are without food as winter approaches.." "The helplessness of this mountain folk in their need is heightened by the enforcement of administrative measures which prevents the people from leaving their ruined villages & seeking assistance & work in more favored localities". . There remains the vital question of food clothing & bedding". ."Unless aid is rendered promptly few may be left to receive it." Capt. Tyrrell after spending ten days among the villages, sometimes wading kneedeep in the snows (for horses could not betaken there) said "the vital thing was food supplies without which he saw not how they could live through the winter'. In keeping with this all is being done that is possible, though no caravan can go & poor villagers have carried on their backs not a little, while recently some have reached Moush near the supplies lest they die among the mountains, deep snows & severe cold Added to supervision of relief work poor Dr. U. is badly run upon for the sick The malignant typhoid among the soldiers has spread into town, so he is kept so very busy our Prot. pastor there writes "he hardly has time to eat meals"

With renewed thanks for your kindbenefaction, Sincerely yours, R. M. Cole.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople, Jan. 21 05.

ADS'D MAR 5 1905

Our dear Friends:- Bitlis, Kourdistan, Feb. 18th, 1905.

The chief event for our little Colony these days has been some ten days visit from our Dr. Underwood on his way from Moush to Erzroom whither his wife has been calling him by letter & wire because of illness of of the children, exhaustion of herself, ect. From fall of more snow, and packmost of his things he, fortunately for us, was delayed eleven days just at a time when we needed a doctor more almost than any other time in our life at Bitlis. Typhoid that had been raging among the soldiers-taking off some 400 the past few months, or one-third of the garrison, spread into town, and found its way into our school-several coming down about time of his arrival here. One of them-a large promising orphan boy in our weaving department did not survive it, much to our regret. There has also been quite an admixture of influenza, the writer & pastor having enough of it so neither of us could go in to the pulpit two Sabbaths ago, and so there was no sermon for the day.

After some ten weeks at Moush in relief & medical work he left rather summarily to come on here, tho fortunately he had nearly completed the second round of distribution which we hope may keep the poor ones alive till possibly he may return again for a brief time, or the writer may have to go again. We fear the young brother will have a hard handsled ride (when he does not have to walk) on over half way whence he will ride a horse if it can get through, otherwise it will remain for the not over strong one to walk. He left with some of his belongings & on five sleds the 15th inst. Though weather seems more hopeful we are anxious to hear how he fares in such a journey. It would seem from his wife's telegram the Mission-unless Mardin & we know Bitlis still hold back-have unanimously voted their transfer. Be that as it may we cannot force them to hold on, for tho we might stand out against him (and if he alone were involved he might be persuaded) how can we withstand his family as well! Hence the writer has felt compelled to sign his vote to go on to Mardin this post, while our good ladies, as is sometimes thier habit content themselves by writing "explanations" in place of signing the vote. Of course we all part company with our new associates with keen regret, but wish them much success in their new field. He holds out hope he may come for a so-journ in Moush once a year for medical work & perhaps take in B. on his return. He took in some Lt. 50 in medl. work while at M. or more than for a year in Bitlis.

Opposition to our continues rife, almost in proportion to the abortive demonstration of our A. Govt. Fleet contingent at the coast sometime ago-just as thoughall such threats did not mean anything in actuality, to be sure! After long pursuit the girls Sch. at M. is allowed open after exacting a paper that it be returned to its old quarters or near there the coming Easter-as if tenants are not free to rent where they wish & where it is considered better!

Our boys primary in the Head-ward of B. also having regular permit of Govt is being put through a similar process for some two months now, as if the particular section was wrongly named in the paper & so a grave fault involved! Another subterfuge was that it had changed locality & hence was closed! But we are not without hope this, too, may be arranged some way so the Sch. open. Having such difficulties with legalized Schs. what is to be expected with the outside ones already pursued-'If it be so with the green what of dry tree'!

Not much for society in our wee Colony tho the Eng. consul gave us a good magic lantern entertainment with views of his own preparation-he having ingeniously worked into some he took while in Egypt some of our Bitlis clouds & sky to make the views more attractive-B. being the higher tho Kurdistan! Taxgathering most inexorable, even flogging, etc. taking place here in town, if forthwith the required tax be not brought from the pocket there & then.

For all cholera seems flourishing in Van, no quarantine is set up this way yet, tho certain regimental wearers, if not others, can pretend such-for fees! Of late contributions for relief we are glad to report $600 from Fresno Col'y while smaller amts. from same race for our relief from other places in U.S. If funds shall come sufficient we hope to help the poor ones to seed if (to) not a few oxen, so they set up once more for themselves & not live on charity. Snow record to date is 20'/4 feet & extreme cold 3 degrees below zero by consul's self-registerer, tho our thermometer in the morning not quite to zero. But longer days, higher & warmer sun begin to make their impression on it for two days now; so who shall say we may not yet have trees in blossom the last of April as in some past years. Our Baltimore latitude gives hope for such. Notes from Dr. U. 10 hours out report him prospering. Sincerely yours,

Watchman.

Bitlis, Turkey via Constpl
Feb. 18/05

MAR 27 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

In sending along Watchmans I will pen a few lines more in nature of personal to accompany it. Though I have before referred to what you may have sent to my address I think no reference has been made to forms to Mrs. C. of rather recent date, and which include our appropriations for 1905, for all of which thanks. I have more than once affirmed that I felt the only 18% for our field was out of proportion, and quite inadequate for recent conditions of most abject poverty & other indescribable environments that drive people away to distant parts just as fast as they can get away — often some of their friends arriving outside making their first remittals to them as looking to this very thing. Our congregation & ch. members here (among them the Wm. & Secy) have so scattered the pastor told me yesterday they could not pay more than half of the one half of his salary (£ 9. 24.00) £ 48 in all we put upon them when he has ordained & installed over them; but here is the good nucleus in shape of rent we pay them on the parsonage that I have spoken to you about in the past. Instead of taking up a Gregorian house outside to the help of very unworthy parties, as did Mr. G. P. Knapp, we Coles preferred to try by means of advance rent to put this parsonage into such shape that after the rent had covered

the advance outlay if (the rent) would accumulate so as to help secure expense of the pulpit, as is largely done even by rent of shops in Erbizond, I happen to know. In this way we have secured a missionary residence that for these years has served us very well & ought to another who may succeed us as Principal of the Boys Sch. in the compound, and while occupied as such is important income for the pulpit. As notes will tell you the US persist in leaving B. just about as I feared it would turn out, as in such a pernicious place as this a hospital could not be a success though we have held out against signing the vote & tried to have him hold on with thought of spending his winters, perhaps, in Moush. But not accepting, that there seemed no way but for me to sign it. By the way, will you W.B.M explain Manual. Are lady teachers at liberty to sign in full force if the mood happens to be that way, and in other cases hold aloof? Only for their attitude here in such respect who shall say we (I) might not long since had a Richardson or Allen (good enough for W.B. & Co. as advocate) (2) Are wives to sign votes as well as husbands & all lady teachers, even the ones on the ground as for Miss Cook in Em. Mr. Stapleton seems to think W.B.M. bears out this view on the score they are not "assistant" but full fledged missionaries. Cole is pretty much over the grippe tho has some cough still & is still pestered with boils that hinders walking ability or he might have to go over Moush way soon considering the so sudden, summary way Dr. K. had to leave things there. We do hope you will, if need be, draft a missionary & family to getting with lady teacher to come to this so important field or wait on the siding somewhere till they may match in here.

Yours in greetings for Mission work
Sincerely
Dr. Fowle
Miss Cole

Wednesday 376.

Dear Mr Cole

No doubt you have sent some of your photographs to Boston at different times, but perhaps there may be some among mine where my larger camera gives me an advantage over you. These have also the merit at least of being quite permanent; unless the books all lie, they will only perish when the paper itself succumbs to old age. As pictures they are mostly inferior to my bromides, but the latter are too short lived for such a purpose as this, being likely to fade in a year or two, which as I say, carbon prints will not do. Some of these would be the better for a little fading as they are rather too dark.

The album is I fear less strong than the one you have, but on the other hand, I think you will agree that the dark cards suit the prints well, and if they deserve it they can be rebound when the book falls to pieces, or they could be taken apart and framed. yrs W. J. N

Bitlis

February 22nd. 1905

Dear Mr Cole

It has occurred to me that perhaps a few photographs of Bitlis and its neighbourhood might be of interest to the Members of your Board, or to some of the many supporters and friends of the Mission who must visit their rooms in Boston, and who might like to have an idea of your outward surroundings. I send you a small book of these views, and if you think that the Board would care to have them, I would ask you to forward it with the expression of my good wishes.

Yours sincerely

W. J. Heathcote

Bitlis, Turkey, via Erzerum
Feb. 25/05

Rec'd APR 4 1905
Ans'd MAR 5 1905

Dear Dr. Barton; -

The enclosed bill direct you to an album of Bitlis views are put in separate package that should reach you as soon as this, as it leaves by some weekly post. Enclosed is fuller description of the views, which, together with the Vice Consul's index should make it clear. Mr. Heathcote will probably leave for a vacation this spring and hopes to have a better opening so as not to return here. But should you wish to reach him in recognition of this souvenir of Bitlis a prompt reply would reach him. As Watchman told you last week our Dr. Underwood seems to consider himself as practically belonging to Erzroom. So Bitlis is left again as the one manned station & Cole the sole missionary in charge, as has been his fortune not a little both here & in Erzroom under those so dark times. You know a thought occurs to me I am going to put before you for meditation. How would it do, if no better way opens, for these two stations to swap, quite a contingent of their number. Let the Stapletons & perhaps Miss Cook come on here for time at least, while we Coles might try to fill their place Erzroom for a time till you could get up a new man. Which would be easier for that place than for Bitlis as doubtless S. might object to B. perhaps, but when we came to thresh it out who took to it! Neither of the Chambers were willing, though Boston put it upon our Em station, no. as Salem, to relieve B. and at the last, though we Coles had just returned from two years passed in Erzingan un-

der trying surroundings there, and when we were about half set up in E. m also, we consented to come in place of the Co. Mr. ~~Bto~~ Clapleton is a robust man equal to roughing it, while his wife is the experienced physician that would do well for the little mission circle and the schools - while we boles ought to be able to do something in Eqm to help out the Underwoods till the new man came. This our old field the mission (or some of them in letters) have suggested our returning to, though I have not felt like it. Besides it has been a "nick of time" for Pitts fen here. It goes without saying that Mr. U. is not popular in Eqm with the people, and coming here would give him a chance to start new. I came on as a temporary arrangement but finally consented to hold on permanently provided B. be reappointed as formerly, this has outstation of Eqm when we come. One thing that has brought me to think of this is the wear life we have had here and the state of my health Dr. H. may refer to in writing. Under those terrible years of famine times in Eqm when I could not think of myself I came into the heritage of a varicose leg that gives more trouble as time goes on; I also, from traveling in the field, got onto me a hernia that later was offset by a second on the left side as well. My catarrh has grown rapidly worse the past few years - chronic bronchitis, Dr. Underwood calls it. In the practice Dr. H. had here he was surprised to find so much by way of tuberculous disease, and he feels it is bad for catarrh, throat & any lung difficulty. Now this does not sound like Cole whose principle in the field has been to take up & carry what others shrank from, and his stamina has enabled him to carry more than most of his years of service. But hindered as I have been from having an associate I owe it to myself & family to drop a laundry to the station and must urge upon you to seek some location whereby we may be relieved partly from passing another winter here. Formerly I fared better here

March 4th 1905

Confidential

Dear Sir

I have a little business matter to propose to you & I thought I would write you about it. I have a little business matter to propose to you & I thought I would write you about it. I have a little business matter to propose to you & I thought I would write you about it.

You will have heard from Erzum & perhaps Dr. H. himself of his safe arrival in that city where he found his children & family in rather better health. If with two full-fledged doctors in the family there can be no more courage then the medical profession holds no higher esteem from me. I told Dr. H. we had not changed fields for the health of a child had taken them outside town for sake of better air & condition. But their case seems practically closed for Bitlis. You see that you realize the situation goes without further saying. Mr. Andrus just writes "Bitlis should rank ahead of Erz or Mardin in its claim for reinforcement", & so all now doubtless say & likely you at the Rooms are working up that basis in seeking to fill the pressing demand. Thus Mr. Browne wrote recently to Dr. Barnum, that in its reached our hands from Mardin, there is little hope they will. If he at 62 should be relieved of work in the field which he has already entered on his 67th year? By the way, you friends there who made up the new Manual for missionaries dated 1874 please rise & explain by return just what & how much you meant on page 5 by saying "to lady teachers" as touching their own work female delegates to have equal voice & vote... & "This rule applies to station meetings". Let those who make manuals rise & explain. Does that mean for instance, that Erz can have its seven votes. Now the Mrs are Mrs. B. as well as her husband also voting & Miss Cook then, since only and how does that tally with B. who only has my vote if the happens to take the Elys and to vote at all as on Dr. H's vote they contented themselves in writing long explanations in sealed but can such an explanation count for actual signature? Late Dr. Dewey put down such as shrank from voting as on the negative side. It seems to me there should be some definite rules for single ladies as well as others of us who have as much

Rec'd APR 28 1905
Ans'd JUN 12 1905

ear Dr. Barton;

The Pastor and Mrs. Ely re-
rned yesterday P.M. So he took
e of the service in chapel to day
d I the other. They found great
stress for breadstuffs among the
llages at our north, some eight
ns away, especially as in Aghagh
e of our Prot. villages. Already
have helped them some 1500 pies
d our friends seem to feel as much
ore must be given to keep them
ive till spring greens appear to
f the poor ones from starvation.
r friends brought in sample
bread some were eating while
there had not even that but were
tually trying to subsist on sauer-
aut. A poor mother with her young
abe on her breast had been wandering
mong three villages trying to beg

something but with poor success,
appeared before them - the poor chil
so emaciated that its little hands look
like birds claws, says Miss Ely. Shw
trying to eat some kernels of rye so
one put into its hand. Another had
even put a little dough in the other
hand, and when one approaches
cries went up as if from a hung
ry seeking to protect its morsel fro
other approaching rapacious ou
It is thus we seemed forced to in s
ways do for as possible to help sou
in these near regions as well as M. no
though we do shrink from anything
general relief. I plan leaving in
days on handsled for Mouth Fireho
Miss Ely will accompany me -
Enclosed please find sample of food
any at those Rooms would like to
a look at it. It is made up most
of a kind of grass seed -
Mch 12/06 Yours &c R. M.

Bitlis, April 8th 1905

Rec'd MAY 16 1905

Ans'd JUN 12 1905

Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

It has been some weeks now since I have sent anything to you direct, though I think a brief letter from you once to our daughter. Both she and we, her parents, would thank you for the sympathy you expressed concerning her lost trunk that seems no nearer to being found yet; even the other and apparently less valuable one, still hangs at Erzrum! so that she playfully calls herself a sort of parasite, since she lives on so largely on what her mamma can supply her while even my own departmental supply hardly remains wholly free from the readjustment her deft fingers give garments. As I must have written you, I was expecting to be in Mousul before this time but very bad roads & somewhat uncertain health on my part have led me to yield to overpersuasion, so I am still here, but am so well just as soon as roads permit I must go over there. Poor Sosay, late teacher of girls sch. there, for some years in "durance vile" has been pardoned at last or she would have had another year there. Much pressure has been given the case by the Eng. Embassy especially of Mr. & Mrs. J. Rendel Harris of Eng. also using all their influence on the matter, as we know from their letters to us. Although pardoned it has little significance in this village as she has to leave in 15 days though from telegraphing of this Eng. vice-consul, together with what I was able to weave in with my money order to Mr. Peet, her time is being extended though

not very much so for M. itself. She has just arrived he
with her nice little boy of 2½ years born in prison, afte
six days for only 15 hours - so bad are these winter roads
Aside from her zabtieh escort, one of our orphan boy gr
uates of last summer's class came on with them; bu
they all had a very hard time on the way. She fell seve
times from the horse bruising her head quite badly. Si
had to walk some of the way, while poor timid little Nag
her her boy, had to be often carried on men's backs, as
sleds would not work while horses were often flounde
in the snow. In view of still more telegrams that have go
to Consple asking for more delay in time considering this so be
time for such ones to journey, as I said above, more time
being granted and our Governor here, after calling her in
his presence for some talk, told her she was free to go where
liked in town now for some days, as she said she was ve
tired & ill. Upon this the zabtieh came up with her & ha
her over to this Mr. Holyoke sch. where I have called on
this date. She seems in fair health while her little boy
running about in his new freedom. Though her impro
ment was not continuous, she nominally having been hu
doned once before, still he calls prison his home - say
"let us go home" - meaning to the prison; for he had so m
the prison-keeper there that they were quite mutual admire
She is now on her way to join her husband at Harpoot wh
is studying in the College, though all her relatives are in
her native village in Akhlat region & homes to our north-East
Her brothers have come in to see her, the exile from them, ere she leav

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Battis, Apr. 15/05

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many thanks for yours of 10th ult. at hand this last week - two days ago, and with it your copy of letter to Sec. Andrus as to the $100,000 donated by Mr. John D. Rockefeller. Bless the Lord for such a good life as this for our Treasy, and we know of one who will be cautious as to appeals in that direction.

We have not yet heard as to the Underwood vote from Mr. Andrus, though the interested parties assume & apparently with good reason, that they are after this a permanency at Erz, & so he speaks of my turning of his age to that Station. Bad roads & later some objections again on the part of Gov't - again my going a month from Sept. me back till the present though Miss Mary Ely & I expect to start day after to-morrow sure. I am feeling in very good trim for work now, and plan to distribute relief to a few villages while at M. though hope to hold most one have in hand for aid later on so as to help up the people to live for themselves rather than rely on charity.

I have some hope either Mr. Van French or Eng. Consul may come over later & so be nominal head of the work.

I am writing Dr. Ottley of Marsovan to see if he cannot think of a few years at least at Bitlis (for our Dr. H. told us his eyes see this way) when I hoped he would push on via Aph to meet me in M. later on to help in the work, following which he take his place with us for other work for a time at least, when it would pay to get him out here. I asked him to telegraph us if he could thus come.

I shall press on your kind reply to the Khoutig people, some of whom are actually so poor we have to dole out now & then a few pias to ward off starvation. The same is true with our Prot. village Aghogh in Akhlat region, 8 hours to our north, & also Sheikhaghank on Boulonik, 10 hours further on north.

We are still annoyed by our B. Headward Sch. not yet being allowed to run & so 40 pupils are adrift. The case, as also not a few others, has been referred to Constple, but efficiency there is not realized promptly. From objections the Govt made to my going to M. our Eng. official set to telegraphing, so that we think there will be no further trouble at present.

You will excuse this very hasty scrawl and get most of your news from Watchman & R. M. This is enough to report the health of your circle that is as usual & on my return from M. I must get off report to Lab. Com.

Hastily, Yr R. M. Love

Bitlis - Turkey. Apr. 15-06.

REC'D JUN 2 1905

Mosul, April 29th 1905

ANS'D JUN 29 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Here I am for relief work, as well as for missionary duties, Miss Mary Ely having also come on to visit old pupils & do work n women & girls. Though we rode our horses a little outside of town, there we had to take to handsleds for the next five hours - e going by the night train to make use of the snow-crust nstead of running our cars over the ice as did the Russians ver Lake Baikal! At the end of our five hours cold ride over ich deep snows even on April 19th as to bring us into proximity to n telegraph wires, we changed cars again, though had to wait some ix hours for another caravan horse-train to come up from the Plain to meet us. Still with less mud & water than we feared, once on plain we came as comfortably as could be expected - reaching me - the end of our 45 miles march - a little before noon of the urth day. With no more Turkey beds to harrass me so I could ot walk not a little of the time for the winter, now again in the ien, it is easy to see how I suffered from being so much shut in n last winter. But "all is well that ends well", for I am feeling ery well now - good appetite & sleep well in the Pastor's profile's clean ed spread down upon the nice rug his wife wove, and in this rge, quite cheery room I added to the Prot. premises some years ago - ast Sab. I preached twice in Kovadorik & Derkavonk villages wo hours away, and held two other church meetings; and I plan to ave about as much on hand for to-morrow (Sab.) native Easter. hough I have distributed relief to some of the villages Dr. A. left over, I am waiting for other villagers to come in for theirs -

following which I must return to B, again to return here after some eight days there, this time perhaps to be here a month - going right up into the mts. of Nearer Kassoun as in 1895. But not to treat of these matters so much now in taking my pen I purposed more to refer to what is called our Mission Seminary. The new teacher of Theology seems to me, from what our two students gone on there write, and from discussion provoked, not a very safe instructor for this land at least. Fancy his talking of many parts of the Bible being mere myths & legends while for the Canticles he makes it out simply a love story with Christ & church left out. Just as though you & I do not know that since Isaac's time parents are the ones to arrange all preliminaries for marriages in the East, and just as tho even a pretty, attractive girl would go into the presence of polygamous Solomon, the king, to parley with him in open conversation; and could she hold out against him with all his finely clad, retinue of women to push the case forward! This not Oriental imagery though bears well on the church, as usually understood. If the change his version gives it is to take place why, then headings of the chapters, & Bible dictionaries must be also changed to correspond. When he learned from one of our pupils that I did not indorse some of his methods & diction, he could speak out "Mr. Cole is an old man of old ideas". Yes, I am no longer young I admit, but I think my children feel the Bible as we knew it is good enough for them too. If discussion is to arise by this innovation much harm may result, already the Conspiracy press is bristling with it, and the enemy will find his strong hold in such bickering. What seminary was Mr. Carey from? Was he carefully examined? He claims all the seminaries think as he does. What we wish for is to have our students well rounded out to be fishers of men - to win souls for the Master.

It hardly needs be said that there is such poverty, he as to much sadden our hearts. As I was going out to two villages, the most distant one over five miles away on the plain to hold my four meetings of Sunday, from the nearer one I met two so disconsolate looking women with bread & something in an earthen dish, & when we asked them they said they were taking it to their incarcerated friends. Farther on we passed near 15 new-made graves called for last Apr. a year ago from an event that took place in the most distant village. Women were gathered on the graves & bewailing their loved ones. One of the victims was a ch. members, faithful but terribly poor, & his head was flattened between the upper & nether stones after other tortures. We have other ch. members from the nearer village in "durance vile", mostly in B., and the poor, so promising village is in very great distress & the end is not yet, as most of the able bodied men - the bread winners - were "run in" some three or more years ago because a Moslem was killed in the vicinity by parties (a lewd woman & her bro, as they confessed in court - protesting that the villagers were innocent). It seems hard to explain in these cases of ch. members how it is "the righteous are not left to suffer nor his seed to beg bread". Certainly no love-sick story, Mr. Carey notwithstanding, can explain this - and it seems so deep we must leave it over for the great hereafter!

As for the usual Jub. Gift, may I ask you to depend on that of last year should no complete one arrive in time only you must look out not to add any for contributions, as increased poverty has cut off most of it. In several places we actually have to make some bread allowance even to our poets, to keep them from actual starvation! Anything but

self support for this field under present poverty-stricken, &c. Condition
and unless a change for the better takes place you must expect to
in that line hereafter, & if that will not suffice take us hence &
some one else try his hand at it, or close up the work altogether
Hopeless for improvement certain maddened, infuriated agitators foolishly keep
pot boiling. Only last week three such seem to have been found in a
lage only 3½ hours to our eastward on the plain, and of course an a
took place between the soldiery with loss of 5 from the village while
fellows themselves made their escape up the mountain side. Two
three days later what seems to have been a special ~~paper-carr~~
messenger from the north likely, & having letters, &c. was seized
day upon this plain not far away, and naturally have been s
into this M. prison. And so it is they keep matters stirred u
as if being sort of echoes of similar ones over in Mace
When is there to be an end of such foolish, maddened proceedi
I omitted to say above that of our some 13 schs. outside of City of last year. f
have been largely obstructed most of the time & the end is not yet
have more pupils, but for those who need to be wandering about to
bread there seems little use of counting scholars to the ne
perhaps, of feeding them as well.
This then as a glance from out over the high walls th
separate fn difference between us & the, but we know
Lord keeps watch, and we can rest in Him. It is sun
to day after ten days of more or less rain, and per o
plain we hope to get off fn B. to-morrow, May 2nd. t
is, indeed, a suitable "May day" to begin the month in
and we have been entertaining Easter callers among whom have be
chief ecclesiastic, from Gregorian & Catholic Palaces. Hostility R.

Rec'd JUN 14 1905

Kodinje May 5th 1905

Rec'd JUN 29 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Though I closed & signed what I called a Station Report at Moush a "lady's postscript" — if long enough may be in order. Having arranged for purchase of a few oxen & sheep preparatory to giving out some seed for Sassounlis, I deemed necessary for me to return to Bitlis for a few days. Partly to escort Miss M. Ely, partly as to accts. & money, and partly to talk up with the vali as to more relief, since in the 8 days this time I was only indorsed in giving out to the six villages doctor Underwood had left uncared for in his leaving somewhat hastily at last for Erzroom.

We had left sooner only that not having our own horses we were dependent on finding suitable (fairly so!) caravan animals. With these preliminaries arranged we started on for a few hours stop-over at village 5 miles out where we had duties to attend to with their weak & small Prot. people from whom we have two boy high school graduates. The schoolhouse, serving as chapel much needs repairs, & it must needs be talked up with yardstick & pointer duly emphasized, while Miss Ely had talking with a new candidate for teacher of M. girls sch. to see to. Ere we had remounted our special train to resume our homeward march we heard of disturbance in some village but none seemed to know just where it was — in what village. At the next station where we were to spend the night we came so near the firing line that sound of musketry greeted our ears, as we took our places to observe, on the roofs with the poor frightened villagers some of whom speaking with bated breath beat their breasts in utter despair, especially the women.

2 In a village some six miles away on opposite of the plain, and across the river, several agitators had entrenched themselves. Soldiers naturally got after them as soon as the heard of their presence there. When urged by the villagers flee their answer was they had come "to fight & not to flee" The result was the oftrepeated story of loss of life, plunder of village. We though to what extent we are not yet informed. Our zabtieh claims those killed are soldiers & not christians but such we must take with several degrees of allowance from the source it comes from. He admitted attempts to burn the houses but said even Kouds withstood that & said "take after, catch & punish the fleeing agitators if you can but why punish these innocent Armenians"!

Our zabtieh just now says "With the Government & the Armenians so opposed there is no hope they can longer get on together, and the weaker party should be allowed to leave the country", and so many others might say in vain. It is like whipping up the horse as if for a dash forward, but all the while pulling at the rein, much as the restive one may champ at the bit. O Lord have mercy. Strange it is no pressure towards reform is had as an antidote against this everlasting agitation springing up somewhere to grind the people between the upper & nether millstones, on the one hand agitators forcing themselves upon the people, & selling them to any guns though it take the last ox, and on the other the troops, &c. that when called into requisition treat innocent & guilty alike. Just at this time when every effort should be put forth to plow & sow their fields so there a harvest to look forward to, come these disturbances two within ten days, within villages not 12 miles apart & end of such things none can see. Again R. M. B.

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Sitlis, May 13th 1905

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Rec'd JUN 29 1905

Dear Dr. Barton:-

In sending you station report last week my postscript failed to get in. So it may as well come on this, as a glimpse of village goings. I am waiting for my hired little mule to be brought up to take me to Khoultig for the Sab. (to-morrow) so I may attend to communion & baptism there - I not having been over the mountain to that village since last Nov, I think it was, though I am too much rushed to write, besides you will have enough from my pen - the last being from mouth - still enclosed please find No. 2 circular as to relief work that you might use for Armenians near you who contributed pretty well. We send copy direct to Miss Wheeler & some other chief contributors on both sides of the water, as I have struck off some ten copies.

From what Mrs. Underwood writes confidentially to Mrs. Cole on some other matters, you have written Dr. U. indicating you are pushing hard to arrange so we may have an easier position & work. Thank you very much for such kind thoughtfulness. Perhaps the most desirable thing would be however, to send a young man here to take charge as soon as he were able in language & experience when I should be so near the seventy year line it might seem best for us to withdraw from the work especially if any provision is granted by the Board for such veterans

as they leave the field. I am happy to say, however, that over the turkey boils and with less cough from the winter's grip, I am feeling all right for usual service. Being a shut in so long the past winter was bad for me, for my chronic catarrh also calls for much outdoor life. In fine with running relief work, added to other duties, I do not expect to break down yet by any means! Leave, D. V. for month middle of coming week & hope for no little help in the French consul who is hardly as much of an apologist for the T. as is our Eng. official near us.

Ok to long to get seed sown into the hands of that so unfortunate people so they may have a mind to work & earn their own bread instead of living so much on public charity. The note with much interest what is said in the papers as to the Rockefeller $100,000 and must say we feel you should accept it by all means. Just as though in all these collections carriers of the boxes are to watch to see whether all the contributions come from clean fingers or not: money is money & serves its purpose whatever road it may come by. Christ saw a sort of Rockefeller & the widow casting in their & he condemned neither nor did snap it out lest it burn that so holy boy & damage things beyond! God can & does overrule the wrath of man even to His glory & can he not his money as well!

In double quick time. R. M. Cole

Rittle. Turkey
R. M. Cole
Tray 13-05.

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DEAR PATRONS OF SASSOUN AND REGIONS RELIEF. Mosul May 13-1905

Back home the 6th of May after an absence of 15 days to push relief work at Moush I am making ready more money, looking into Accts.,etc.preparatory to joining the French consul who,as per Tel.left Van yesterday with a certain amount of money so we may co-operate in the same humanitarian work at M.

But during my few days here at D.I wish to pass on a few lines of"All's well"at least in the distribution to the six villages Dr.Underwood left unprovided for in his leaving hastily for Erzroom from illness in his family.

The six villages of 1554 souls we allowed $500. while previous to this time & mostly at the hands of Dr.U. was given out to the nearly 8,000 survivers $10,000, including supply of native cloth for clothing, bedding,etc.

This,then,as a number two glimpse of use that is being made of your money in feeding, clothing,etc., while later will follow more as to other supplies. We have felt all the time the great importance of giving seed,oxen,plows,etc. and became all the more convinced of the wisdom of such a course as again I studied the question at date from the Moush base & learned how much had probably been already given them for their immediate personal wants. Naturally they talk 'great'distress but such reports need close inspection, for so much misfortune leaves the people in a condition not to be easily satisfied. While they are not given to making known what help may have reached them from different parties. I became convinced more had reached them in such ways than all we had given them, and for it I was glad, as it was self-evident they could not live for the winter on the ten para(one cent)day ration we allowed them. But in view of somewhat better conditions,abundance of greens from recent bountiful rains now had,supplemented by our donations of salt as ten years ago, we trust for the most part they will keep so far running that we can give our attention to supplying a few oxen,seed,plows,etc.so the poor ones may earn an honest livelihood by the sweat of their brow, and not be ever dependent on public charity.

I am happy to say Mon.Robin,French Consul from Van per yesterday's telegram is to be in Moush fully as soon as I the coming week & with a certain Amt.of money, when we may hope by co-operation to turn off this importance work with all the more promptitude & efficiency, and thus have the people at work ere seedtime passes. And so all the more keep them from being drawn aside by roving bands that by their presence in two villages not ten miles apart on the M.plain, and within as many days covered by our so-journ in M.caused two rather serious disturbances with loss of several lives. With so many barracks & soldiers in the illiated regions agitators should be kept at a distance.

We plan giving over oxen as loans,property of foreigners with a brand"R"as signal for intruders to keep away! We may give sheep to the villages having only small terraces to be spaded up & sowed by hand. The oxen to be passed, Lower.of chief men held responsible for their proper care & impartial use to extent of oxen's ability,beginning with widows,orphans,etc.having fields but lacking in bread-winners. This must suffice for the present.

Bitlis,May 13/05 Hastily, ratefully, A.N.Cole.

Mousul May 27/05

Dr. Barton, D.D.

Dr. Barton; -

I feel rather queer to write you as I wrote you these two years ago, but I was afraid it would be best to wait a few days longer, and get a little more settled. In days I was back home at Bitlis.

I left there on the 18th inst. or just a month from the time Miss Mary Ely & I did before. Being alone and on our horses this time, I and my attendant with Zubtieh through in a little over a day & half - having good weather, and yet a little more mud because of a recent shower. And the Van French consul, with some 1200 pounds, had arrived here two days before me, had distributed small sums of money to a few villages near his road that suffered from disturbances last year or the year before; but fearing snow might trouble his horses he took two days visiting the famous Sourp Garabed monastery, 8 hours to our west. (Aard.) On his return I had a pleasant call on him, which he returned one day, as he was to leave for Sassoun the next day. He had no thought of co-operating with us or the Bitlis vice-consul who had passed me £.T. 87.08 and to his distribute. His orders from his superior at Erzerum were that he distribute it as soon as possible & return to his post. Fearing lest best use might not be made of the money as desirous oxen, seed, plows, &c be supplied the poor so they might to some extent set up for themselves & earn their own bread in their own harvest instead of

depending so much on charity. He admitted this was the proper course, but said he could not have a three months to go into the trouble of the ox & seed question. But he cheerfully consented to impress upon parties when he passed them their allowance (about 12 pias. a person) to use it in making ready seed for the sowing for which Mr. Cole was to supply oxen. In this way if the people supply the seed with the money, all the same as if we had worked together for oxen & seed, and with good Yankee push I can but hope that if not next week at least early the following one I too may be back home, perhaps as soon as he will reach Van five days beyond.

Think of a deal of some $500 one day & another about twice as much. We shall hope to pass over as our nominal loan marked (branded) with an R (relief, or as one our students graduate of last year assisting me suggested, the first letter of your name) me passed over a certain number of yokes (perhaps one to 4 families) for such as have fields to call for them, while for some with only sort of Mt. Lebanon terraces so small they can spade them up, we may give in place of an ox four sheep or goats so they may have increase & enjoy milk they are so accustomed to. We take formal pledge-papers from chief of villages, sec'y, priest if there be one, or chief men, affirming they will take care of them to the best of their ability as if they were their own, and be ready to submit our property to B. Eng. vice Consul or Mr. Cole, whenever we desire to see them. This, of course is a sort of slight-of-hand in hopes the oxen may be more secure from Kouds & others.

We tried such a course during some relief work in Erzroom years ago, and with good results. In giving cattle this way I do not as yet meet with opposition of officials though the Consul has not found it so easy with the governor here, in the money distribution matter. They, perhaps naturally, fear if they do not know all about it (and he does not inform them) possibly some may be coming in from such as seek to stir up mixtures! Certain it is these roving bands of maddened ones in their desperation hitherto gain more curses than a few from the people whose villages now & then they manage to get destroyed and such plunder & other things as he does not usually treat of, but what can be done! So many innocent suffer with the guilty since it is not easy to control rank & file of Bashibozouks, &c, when once they see some of their own number & officers shot down! Only this day a faithful communicant from a village wondered if nothing could be done to land such ones at a distance, for the village suffered once! I am just back from a third call on the Govr here - two since my return from Bitlis, and these two times his words & deportment toward my work have been very satisfactory. "You are long in the country, and like a native of the country, I see, free to go & come as you like", were about his words for which I was thankful of course, and thought it did not sound like the best for me when so many obstructions were in the way. Of course I am far from being puffed up with fine words such words - I pour considerable Turkish at him, which pleases him much better than the fettering process of interpretation.

Last Sunday I had all the services here in Mosul city, while Bad. Kriboe Slepanian (your old Aph pupil who sends hareers to you) went to have communion at Havadorik, and to-morrow we are both to be here together & administer communion. I find food for reflection as I see along right my old Sassoun box of ten years ago, containing some of the medicines I then had for use the four months I was up among those almost inaccessible, inhospitable looking mountains traveling about urging on the work of the first houses building, & for the poor ones. From this same box I extract this sheet of Mission House paper that has been waiting only this brief space of time to again come into use in some sad intimations & rehearsals. I spoke again to the governor here as to the girls sch. place that has to revert to the old place, as I must have written, her demand of the censorship, but as officers are in the place we are not yet in possession though this matter seems as though it might soon be regulated. There is so great poverty among the villages that some of our Household of Faith are among the most needy. The Dea. of ch. at Havadorik always more or less poor is brought to such straits now that he thinks of fleeing to escape such beatings for taxes. This much for my side show of missionary life as I have dashed it off on my lap for a table. As it is on this paper & with such ink as should serve for it, perhaps you could copy it in your press & allow the leaves to be sent our daughters Miss Mary E. Cole, Tank Hall, Oberlin, O., as I have so little time these days for family letters even.

Yours Sincerely & oblige, R. M. Cole

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Constple July 15th 1905

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Though on the eve of receiving guests from Harpoot & Marsh, if not from Sis as well - if they the latter, do this may be van instead of on their return, as also bring ourselves up to join them in the on-for-Mission meeting, not to dash off a few lines to accompany report of re-work for Sassoun & regions. As I have no mimeographe chine like Dr. Raynolds, and as my Blick. is somewhat of order I have not succeeded very well in getting usual unt of good copies with carbon paper. I enclose one of the i copies for you which (when you have no further use for it) per- you will see reaches Miss Alice Stone Blackwell at hands considerable money (probably mostly Armenians) reached us, as you see; but we have not her address ugh seems to me you or Treas. Higgins in some letter e it but I cannot put my hand on it now, in my hurry. older & poorer copy perhaps you will think need for Boston ngelical Armenians or other contributors than those addresses we so many patrons naturally we cannot write all of them, will trust those not reached directly will pardon us, busy as we are. oming now to other matters you may suppose I am rushed, r forty days given in two installments for Sassoun relief- n after reaching here I took time to go over this mountain m large outstation Khoultig for the Sab. where we had nmunion & baptism & other meetings. Great poverty d actual hunger are abroad in those regions. a few ne hours beyond there having starved. Seems to me

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours & all these Dear Mrs. Barton:-

Bitlis - Zurkey

Sincerely

N. Fowle

I sent you a sample of so-called bread made up from grass se
and as black as a stove & most uninviting looking in every
Though we got under £7.101.38 in Sassoon relief as ye shows y
still I have telegraphed Mr. Peel for 200 more which to go for a
starving ones. Have as a faithful given 30 gades millet as seed fo
Oh, how discouraged all the people are! and most of all in the c
Quite a large number are about starting from town, among
I know not how many from the Ely sch. for all they persisted
fight against leaving Eng. in hopes of hindering their going to
and a graduate from our sch. of last year, whose uncle is ab
Thus it is the migration to that western El Dorado still goes on.
Thanks for all your kind sympathy shown us in yours of Apr. 4
before me, and which I do not seem to have yet acknowled
Of course we plead for no other place in the mission, aft
what has done in N. G. I naturally should not go there be
work is taken up. Our thought at first in suggesting the pla
was because Mrs. Parnelee urgently invited us just as Mr.
pleton did our Dr. Underwood & it carried. I have no desire
crowd any one out, and feel, as time goes on, that about ag
would not be easy to set up a home elsewhere; but we m
press that some one should be here as soon as may be to learn
language & get the ropes in hand, and the same should apply with
high greater force for the female side of work in this great field
there is not one full fledged Bible woman worker and with o
emigrating and the so so timid at trusting their pupils out of th
sight there seems very poor prospect for the future.
And so Bro. Browne of Ahr has also joined your forces c
there, - all the more pity for Ahr station, our mission & s
Thel. seems that needs another than Mr. Carey in the chair & fe
I am enclosing a note to Mr. B. you will please pass along.
Did Mr. Peel tell you or have I, of certain so-called Russi
doctors (Armenians) surgeon, oculist, &c with all their retinue th
came on from the northern country via Sur to Bitlis whe
was at Moush. As might be expected they have run a short cour
been sent back from Moush where they went to locate for a fe
years at least, her chief ones talk with me in his call -- Mrs. C. h
of death of her pet sister in Littleton N.H. by last post. She is the only

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Nimrod Crater, Aug. 2/05

W. James L. Barton,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Though I began a letter to
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en at van during the no mis-
ion-meeting, it seems to have been
isplaced in the hurry, and I have
mind to begin again from this
igh point where we, the Harpoot
Mardinlis, arrived Saty night for
visit to this one of the largest
robably most interesting craters
'd earth affords. It is three hours
the distant side of it from Shemi-
un twice an outstation of ours
the east, and so we turned aside
is much to show this wonderful
ight. Here amid of God's wonder-
orking acts where old earth so
ooks itself as to empty itself of
rough debris to level up lower
aces round about obviously &

to the extent of cutting off former connection between the present Van lake & the marsh one now known as the wonderful M. dead-level plain almost as extensive. Following that the unfed lake dried away with such an outlet as the East Euphrates afforded & the region become populated with over 130 villages of Armenians. But not to go into a description of environment on this our so restful sacred Sab. day where in the midst of this great round basin some 9 miles in diameter, and about whose edges see the rim looming up almost perpendicularly for hundreds of feet in the lowest places so that water is shut in here some subterranean passages they seem to have to empty the two ponds' (one hot & one cold) content (enough so they not fill up & run over) down upon head of the M. plain where are hot and cold bountiful springs -

Bittis. Aug 8th – After such a restful Sab. in the old crater we made the march of nearly ten hours in home with no serious experiences en route. But not to talk of journeying this time at least I would again cast eyes back to our pleasant meeting in Wa[illegible]. As there was only one male del. from each of the outside stations I suggested we vote in Dr. Ussher for Chairman & Mr. Yarrow for Secy which carried – leaving Dr. Reynolds packing & busy to start back with us on his vacation, free and the others free for Com^ee – work. But not having been in an annual meeting they were not experienced & so Com^ees were not made up just as Jan & I should made it up I might say in confidence; for instance putting Carey who seemed to have little idea of what was to be transacted in the meeting, was

put down for Mission House lei
but when it was called for by th
meeting like those for other societ
it came out he had written not
and so it rests over for him to go
home to send someth. to you then
However, the meeting ha[illegible] is im
portant one and yet may [illegible] arle
you good friends in some of i
hearts like that looking to havi
a college in Van City.
The meeting pressed hard on our
obstruction matter, and the great im
portance of reinforcement for Bitl
Mr. Stapleton would not listen to com
to B. Do you know I am thinkin
of inviting Rev. Mr. Sterrett of U. Pres
Mission resident at Van whose hea
prevails against his working on in th
mts south of us for Nestorians & whe
he nearly lost his life. He is a bri
young man (Pres.) from Penn. has
working knowledge of Turkish & cou
pick up the Armenian. Will write fu

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Ans'd OCT 17 1905

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Perhaps you will not lower
our estimate of Cole over much
he does give you a personal, con-
fidential note now & then as an
inside look of things from my viewpoint.
-will not take you long to read such
ed if there is no value in them the
aste basket is not far away, I take it.
hat accompanies this as to woman's
ork, the Ely sisters, &c. I pass along too.
ou will have seen the strong action
our Mission as looking to reinforce-
ent for Bittis & myself an associate
n particular. I as member of Com^ee
n Plans & measures drawing it up.
hough openly it was not so expressed
n the meeting, but in private a
ecided sentiment was expressed
hat I was the one most of all to de-

cide who should be my associate, if it was approved by Boston & the males of the mission - it not mattering so much as to the lady opinion. As I hinted to you last time I did write Mr. Sterrett as to coming here but his reply has not yet arrived. It may be at hand ere this goes. But should he not accept another thought has occurred to us & we pass it on for your cogitation.

Mr. Stapleton has been here on a visit as he went home from Van. We talked with him somewhat & so did our Pastor here. He seemed to feel like considering the transfer to this place if but Erzroum might be considered by you Bros," he said to the Pastor of Bros much value the Doctor is for missionary work"! he being absorbed in med. work, he meant to say, I judge.

Now we were wondering if it would not be worth while to think of having Rev. David A. Richardson, Hayward, this, as per Year Book, come back to Erzroom for a time at least. I know he became unpopular in Rev. W. N. Chamber's time, but his policy for E. G. was safer than Mr. C's as you will recall & perhaps that almost disgraceful, for its noise at least, at Mt meeting when you were secy, seems to me, just because he could not rush all to suit him in that meeting - that strange Co-operative Alliance at Sam that one Moh. aghajanian run & many financial matters more in this way by favor of W. N. C. Mr. Richardson is like Mr. Stapleton in not a few respects though better off in languages, the latter even now having need of prompting now & then when speaking

in Armenia from the pulpit as Dr
at Van & here also two years ago or
Mrs. Richardson has a good hand
writing & helps him well in acc
and they would be able to stick
work where they left it at Van -
leaving Mr. S. free to come right
with his med. wife so needed here
As for the Moh. Aghajanian, now
enough to live at the Capital, Mr
S. said he, partly on score of hea
also, would probably move to Constan
he it was that opposed Mr. R. as
deed he has not a little Mr. S. als
Later, 29th Post in But no reply from
Strett yet though the time may not ha
been long enough for it to come ar
I will write as soon as I hear, e
pecially if it be favorable; but
may be well to pass on the Stapl
Richardson idea for negotiation meanwh
Would from one of these two string
the boys he might secure one for
same even before winter! In health fo
and because of my chronic catar
Dr. H. felt I should have a drier climate
for he found here much tend to tuberculo
However it is not Cole's way to cringe
as long as he can carry the load

Sincerely R. M.

Private Bitti, Aug. 25/05

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In "Handbook for Missions and Missionaries of March 26/04 at the head of which is "Please Preserve for Reference", on page 5 I find this "Where woman's work needs to be represented at any meeting, the Station may appoint a female delegate to represent that work. The traveling expenses of delegates shall be paid by the Board. At such meetings every male delegate present, having arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and having been one year a member of the Mission, is entitled to vote. In the consideration of questions touching their own work female delegates are to have an equal voice and vote with the men", is

This underscoring is mine, and I call attention to it hastily as in a late letter from you, Dr. Barton, Upon

spoke as though woman's voting whether on the male as well as the female department of work rested with the Mission. We wonder if that means said Handbook has been set aside or supplanted by something later, or what it is?

Of course our Miss Mary Ely, ahead rather poorly. She felt it "very important" she should go to the van meeting albeit Mrs. Cole & Miss Nellie of the female dept were coming & could represent that branch of the work. Miss M. E. went & came but became so poorly that she has to take time to gather up in the quietude of the mountain retreat an hour away where she has a cabin, some of the girls & other employees. We trust she will gather up soon, but she & her sister take life & work much harder than they need to.

(Will for only some girls sick!)

⊗ They will not take it easy enough, say, or two years - too short

It seems such a pity a new worker in their department cannot be on the ground to get the language & become initiated to the work, for it has come to that we have not a suitable full-fledged Bible reader in all the field - no not one, and never could they think of accepting one from outside, nor even an American teacher save of their own choice. Of course they stick to old methods, as we are all in danger of doing as the years come on. They seem almost like iron against teaching Eng. in their school (so-called Mr. Hol.) when quite as many of their pupils as ours have & are landing abroad where they so need it & feel so hard they have it (not). Of course all other such schs. in the Mission & Turkey have it - in Madin they even having in the dining room a table where pupils must use that language in conversation.

In their sessions, too, the Elys ha
sch. right through the hot weather a
at camp where missionaries are supposed
to withdraw for quiet & rest instead
being in the midst of all the hard
phenalia of a school. To be sure t
girls are in the open, enjoy good
and freedom but as could they
going to their homes in villages, &
wherever they are, instead of scatter
in time of autumn rain perhaps to
sought in snow storms when retur
for new terms in Oct. without ~~the~~ hom
had weather for an outing, though
not a few cases they do get malaria
Per their judgment they have kept on en
larging there till quite extensive sch.
ings as the result (God grant they no
up in smoke some day!) & so Miss M.E. a
for taking the sch. up there because th
were the buildings there. Most of su
residence money goes for keeping a native
there to guard the property, for the litt
village of few houses has been deser
for a year from fear as one of the me
was killed - shot through hole in roof. ab
It seems fairly quiet about the co
but thought that could go out as long a
as Van Me did not feel to move up for
brief a time -

Dear Dr. Barton: Thanks for copy of Resolution of San Joaquin Valley Association of Cong'l Churches as ring to our Fresno Prob. As you may remember I have last called your attention to Prob. helpers & even pastors n our field who have gone there & one Rev. Andis Var- on among the earliest & occasional correspondent of mine often written me on the matter with him, as he has done n quite recently. I think he & some others so long left ongregationalists without help or sympathy, as he claims, joined in with Presbyterians thought not being so happy. He d them to be united "when", as he put it, we could been one g church instead of being two weak ones, as now in outside help, which sounds like good policy does it not?

R. M. C.

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Bishop Cross is as usual very busy & not write since the Young Katanga Conference.

Bishop Hoskey is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Lobedu is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Wilson is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Mabie is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Bashford is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Bashford is very busy & not write since the Conference.

Bishop Bashford

especially alone as I am.
In letter part of yours of 29th June
you speak of Mr. Carey. We had a
pretty good opportunity to study the
young doctor in traveling with him
& wife on to Van & back & during
the meeting that he took quite a fr
need place in. As you hint he
not a little need to bridle his tong
Some of the time he is quite moody
& silent while again he breaks out in jokes
most coarse as most would call them
and if he should do so to a small c
tist with natural & make unguarde
remarks in instruction it is decid
I also noticed he was inclined to rid
ciule some of their older helpers & ca
as Bad. Rabmeh you know well
course they were "after him" but I saw
no particular evidence that he ha
any doubt as to whether he might
have been indiscreet in his proceed
Still as you hint he is a young ma
of rather a brilliant mind and if
we hope he will turn out right in the e
Dr. H. N. Barnum writes me more th
once he has cautioned him as to the
methods they set the pastors after him
He has treated kindly by our meeting
he has reporting on the semi or he ha
become excited as if he new it all. As for
age & experience he appears not a la
else young preacher of ~~[illegible]~~ when you
Barnum tell him in his meeting "Bellows
me for I should [illegible] some unpaid [illegible]

REC'D OCT 9 1905

R. M. Cole

Bitlis, Sept 12/05

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Back from a turn among villages on west end of lake, where I tried by three services in different places on Sabbath to inspirit a little the poor discouraged villagers, & have turned off two missives—letters of which may interest you, after which you might pass them on to Miss Alice Cole, Tank Hall, Oberlin. I wrote you how I was getting out an invitation for Rev. Mr. Stirrett of Persian Mission, but resident for a few years at Van with Rev. McDowell & family to look after work among the mountain Nestorians south—answers me he cannot accept of my invitation, for he had been inclined to before the sudden death the past few weeks of their Dr. Cochran necessitates his return to Urmiah to help out there. He spoke in his reply as though he should enjoy coming to me, but said the place here was only "livable"

implying he did not feel it was attractive though now
hyp it on conditions of these times most likely.
The "Crazy Circle", as the vote is signed - no individual
names, has come along for us to sign & pass on to Mand
accepting Miss Lords resignation. From what Mr. S. writes
this move on Miss S's part took them by surprise though that
was corresponding with her Board was apparent from so
thing said at our meeting. It does seem rather strange
here just after delegates have arrived home here must
be sprung upon us a vote that should have come before th
at the meeting. She like some others of these lady teachers of
advanced years, seems to have had very decided opinions of
our, other ladies notwithstanding, but naturally Mr. S. as trea
had to come down on her running her sch £150 behind &
it up in such style as called for a stylish bureau for each pu
But what of that for me up to, we might say. All is quiet ho
ers of late but oh, obstructions no less. Another of our teache
at Jonjalou Bordanik just telegraphs me the Cairnkanis are
thin of coming away from there! I would gladly go there if
could be any good I was praying to do so soon but must
wait to see what school the teacher brings. Our thoughts & pra
go out towards you friends as you are now speeding your
on towards the Seattle meeting. May it be a blessed occa
for you all!

Hastily Yours

R. M. Cole

Sept 16-1905 Rec'd OCT 16 1905

..W.PEET,Esq.,
Treas.American Board Missions in Turkey,

Dear Mr.Peet;-

More than once have I written you of repeated & multiplied obstructions to our Educational work in this Vilayet, as also of lack in ~~pro~~ property rights,especially of real estate,albeit we point to cases where we hold such in our name. As I was closing our last week's post a new & more flagrant case was reported to me by telegram from our Yonjalou teacher whose freedom seemed so interfered with that he said"By order of the Caimakam I & family are to be sent away"-all of which I think I reported to you hastily in my last letter.

Naturally we at once sought an interview with his Excellency,the Vali, Ferrid Bey,if,perchance,we find some way of shielding the man from being sent away from the place,with all his belongings,as if a base culprit! But as happens with this official it was only after long delay-this time over two hours-ere we could get at ~~the governor~~ him,and then to have it amount to nothing,save he called up Inspector of schools for a talk.'No they could not delay the teacher by sending special telegram,for there might be something besides a school question involved! For all the urgency we could produce he put it over to the coming week when we could meet to discuss matters. To encourage the teacher & his family I telegraphed him we were hoping to arrange it with the Vali,and I also telegraphed you,as I hinted in letter I might do,and as follows,"Neither toleration nor permits for Akhlat & Boulanik provincial Schs allowed.Some with permits hindered elsewhere.We denied property holding rights"etc. You will divine from this that I am desperate,and really after these years of patient,persistent pursuit in hopes permits be given or obstructions removed;but when we see that the opposite obtains it would seem patience ceases to be a virtue! But permit me to bring together in collective form so many of the cases as occur to me here after such a lapse of time as may cause memory to trip or misplace events.

(1) There was the long two years delay ere we could build the two rooms over a stable & storage in Koush city on land held in my name but adjacent to the old Prot. building recognized by Govt.as the Prot.Sch.& place of Sab.worship,& since long before we came to this field from Erzroom in 1884.

With the building material going to waste I yielded to The English Vice-consul's advice & signed the Mutesserif's paper pledging me not to use the the new building as church or hospital,which though to naturally be true in fact,I protested against such conditions as never had been put upon others. "If you do not sign the paper you will not put up the building"said the man

(2)There was the obstruction to my traveling in the land without any reason being given,tho I am happy to say late years it seems to have passed over.

(3)In property rights a building lot was purchased mostly by Board's money, and under lead of Mr.Knapp now at Harpoot,but held in native's name,when turned over to my name some years ago,since the native was to emigrate,officials more recently refused to recognize me as the owner,as I was "foreign."

(4) The Board owns several buildings being used for educational & Sab.service,which should be turned over to our or the Society's name,for natives emigrate & some have died;but what can we do under these conditions!

(5)We have several fields in which orphans were to be heavy losers since the Agricultural bank Dept.having loaned a little money on them & in other cases Kourds having done so,they were to be sold at a nominal price we stepped in & paid the debt to have them turned over to us on sort of mortgage(beybeyva to manage for the orphans so they not lose;but this,too,they would not allow on the whispered pretense that we might have in mind barracks!& that remains The above,in brief,is the trying situation we are in for a long time & it wellnigh pesters my life out of me & drives sleep away. On Sch.matters it was begun a dozen years ago & before Mr.Knapp of Harpoot left here.Owing to the presence on a time of a somewhat friendly Inspector we run up permits for Schs.to six-all but one being in Bitlis & Koush cities,tho one here & one in Koush have been held closed by present incumbent for some six months now & on most frivolous excuses. In his absence from town his better disposed Sec. vized diplomas of high Sch.graduates,but the chief refuses to do so this. In Akhlat province,Dzughag,Aghagh & Purkhous villages Schs.were broken up two years ago & one teacher arrested two or three times,as I wrote you &now our Purkhous building in name of natve,is filled with soldiers for sometime while my letters & late telegram have spoken of Boulanik-that Yonjalou Sch. & sab.service are closed with teacher about to be sent away,tho as yet that in Shekhlaghoub is still running,so far as we know,tho in danger of cuorse.

Now may we not hope for most strenuous action at your city in these matters of our life becomes wellnigh unbearable,for our Edl.work is coming to a close rapidly without which what shall be our work. Most of the employees are largely paid by us, as would be the case of mercantile Americans whose interests, surely, would arrest attention of our Govt

Bitlis, Sept. 16/05

Sincerely yours R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople
Sept 19th 1905

Ans'd OCT 17 1905

Dr. Barton;

You have not been forgotten these days, and especially this last Sunday morning's meeting rather prolonged, and special mention made in remarks & prayers for your meeting at Seattle that would be closing when done 1½ hours later — there might be thinking of your morning meeting! Appreciative remarks & prayers by natives, as well as foreigners would have sounded cheery for those striving for God's Kingdom in the success of our Board — & Pastor Khachig's ordination, years ago only an infant, unkempt, almost unclad boys from the mountains of us, would have done you good. "We owe all to Board & its missionaries, God bless it & them"! Just came a letter from a younger brother of a Mohammed American, whom, with his family, you to have been kind enough to have helped in a way — as they landed at Boston, en route, from India to Whitinsville, Mass. How grateful they were. Ah, it is only such as you & we who have been in this and seen the poverty, & the poor ones near, who feel for them, & see much in their unkempt make-up, in newly arrive abroad. He was Mr. Ashdown's cook. May find some interest in the enclosed which is what we are doing, and the sch. obstructions we ever meeting with these later times. Had not

our wonderful Statesman & diplomat, Mr. G
left us he might be interested in some such statem
Oh that our Govt would show a hand in some of these
Perhaps I told you in my last that Mr. Sizzett,
interesting young missionary of the West Persian Miss
does not accept of my invitation to become my ass
in Bitlis. If he had been inclined to accept bef
as he hints to me in a second letter, the case
settled now & almost taken out of his hands
the sad & so unexpected news from their Urmia
mission announcing the death of this so beloved
& efficient physician Dr. Joseph Cochran after a
ill of the typhoid fever. When a lad he was gr
at our house in Erzroom, in company with
parents, but here he has gone down & this gra
afite of the presence of other expert doctors summoned
from Tabriz, seems to me it has. Thus it is our faith
almost weakens in doctors when we see such cases,
while left isolated as we have been so much with
reliable doctor - our eyes on med. books & experience,
but most of all through the everpresent care of God, w
seem to be kept in a wonderful manner, bless His n
You may be interested in this poor photo of our
with her class of boys that also goes on to C. with th
Isn't it a surprise that Miss Lord so particular to put upon
Nellie even more of esp. than seemed to the others to belong
on her age when she had no only half of esp. out now
brook returning so soon to America. She lived her way
age some two - behind! no wonder Satan tries to
hold on some such things. She seemed inclined to continue

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BITLIS AMERICAN MISSION. Bitlis, Kourdistan, Oct. 3d /05

PEET, Esq. Treas. American Missions, Turkey,

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Mr. Peet:- Continuing the matter of schools I have so often referred to, ght here say that last Sat'y, the 30th ult., after another delay of two s, following appointment the Vali himself had made in a long interview H.B.M. Vice Consul, W.J. Heathcote, Esq., for what he termed a "Commission" secting our Sch. questions, we finally got into his presence. Aside from his Excellency, the Vali, was his assistant, the Muavin, the Inspector of Schs. Consulate dragoman, Arshag Effendi, our Pastor-my acting dragoman-and my- Mr. Heathcote kindly sent his dragoman in hopes of having something ta ible for results to report to our Legation officially, & so he does now. The Vali began by asking what I had to say, to which I replied "It is writ- in the petition we have already submitted. This the Muarif mudir passed Vali & per order Yonjalou Sch. of Boulanik was first taken up. The mudir to argue that this had formerly been an Armenian Sch. & that it was new ratively for us. Of course I protested this & at once had out my Tab. list showing the Establishment there took place 45 years ago; that the rt, was ours tho held in name of native, since formerly foreigners were ble to hold such in their own name; and that it has been in our pos- on all these years-teachers having Sch. during the week & service on the with some such interruptions as might be expected late mixed times. his & the three Akrat province Schs. he would make out slight cessation dication of opening new Schs.,-to all of which I was as ready to protest gain out came my list reading 37 years for Purkhous establishment, 35 hagh & 29 for Dzughag villages, and I added "when I came into this 21 years ago I found these & others of our Schs. running. ter this spirited protestation the Vali thought with me they should be per their age in the application of Mudir for permit at Con/ple. Tho er enclosed copy, was sent Cope Govt. to allow Yonjalou Sch. to open & nue till an order might come from Con/ple & so we Tel. the anxious teacher r Purkhous, the Vali said "let that remain" & was not ready to discuss it e, like ourselves, knew soldiers had taken possession of it long ago. r Aghagh (a wholly Prot. village) & Dzughag no temporary permission was nted for opening their Schs. I protested that for Aghagh on the ground were all Prot.-the only church, school & teachers being ours; but as if set this the pretended objection was raised that the vicebishop here the buildings & peoples as his & he was ready to assign teachers!! There is doubtless some "bunkum" in such allegation, still I am far from ving that some of this obstruction does not come from such sources-pos some of it from your city even. Of course I resented all such insin- as to our property & peoples-sealing it with the words "If we might these Govt. buildings are ours, then might said Prelate make such remark! these outside questions as best we could the "clincher" came when this our Bitlis Head ward Sch. After his usual way the Mudir went on to that we had changed it locality, upon which I strenuously put in my sto" that we had not, challenged him to produce witnesses for his sta s its nearest neighbors could testify to what I said as to the Sch. it to pacify the Mudir so belabored, the Vali suggested that as matte m I simply present a petition stating that tho we had opend it else- we now beg that permit be given for the present locality!! Of course his I flew, got red in the face, and with no little force of words said false, we have never changed its locality, nor will I ever sign such a of falsehood even tho the Sch. remains closed till doomsday!" The Con- dragoman, as legalized in the office, fearlessly helped me to put the before the Vali who speedily saw the situation & my scruples at tell on a bald lie, & so ruled that the Sch. should be unconditionally open- its own place. Previous to this he had helped on our cause by saying that on building the new police guard house over opposite said Sch. when he asked more than once as to name of ward it was given same as in permit & so said his assistant, the Muavin, also helpful to us, respecting a prominent house over not far from other side of the Sch. whereupon the Mudir seemed too much squelched to make further objection & so the Sch. is to be opened with no conditions just as soon as we can call back the discouraged teacher. This much for our so vigorous & would it might be our last escapade on

school questions; for, as we told the Wali who asked why we had not taken out permission before I said we have been in pursuit these twelve years but hav succeeded in only getting out six permits, tho no other Community or sect ha even a single one! He verbally poured blame upon the Mudir by telling him Why do you take so much time on what should not take more than two days!

But this hasty rehearsal must be brought to a close, but the Consul is in a clear succinct manner putting it & some other questions before our Legation officially, as I saw from its reading, & he is sending it at the hands of the British Embassy; and so it does not matter if I am briefer, somewhat.

Though last let it not be considered least-the cestion as to whose names shall be in the new permits. When it was sprung upon me in the "Commission" I said "the people" but on further reflection we all feel it should the Missionaries & if some individual name must appear Missionary (American) Cole, as in the future whoever might be on the ground we might hope they would rest on the "American Missionary" part enough so the personage would not matter so much. But as I made the statement here we may not be able to change it here though you may there, since we shall send you next time number where the Mudir's paper is to be sent at your city. The Schs. being held & run in our name secures it against so many interruptions & especially from Moslems & soldiers crowding into them.

There are other questions as to property rights, refusal to pay rent on our Gope house by a lordly military chieftain, but of them Mr. Heathcote has also kindly spoken in his to the Legation & I need not repeat, besides I have referred to them in the past.

I should, however, like to know just how much protection we can rightfully expect for our own house servants. Near ten years ago-perhaps as a sequence of the massacre, the coming weeks later- our cook's wife & baby girl, together with his brother were cruelly killed, brushwood piled upon their bodies and the whole burnt. Caspar (our servant) was away from home or he would been killed; but the above were deceived by the hounds who claimed they would take them to where Caspar was, but were killed not far from the village. Later they tried to deceive him, when they found him, by saying they would take him & his companion to where their families were. Going with them not far away C's companion was assailed & killed but poor Caspar, as if by miracle escaped their grasp by leaving half his spencer torn asunder, in their hands and running for dear life made his escape, for all the guns, stones, shouts, etc. that followed him! But not to prolong this story, coming as a refugee to Bitlis he fell into our hands after a time, but there is his village of which he was chief & worth not a little property, all who were left alive fled or turned Moslem & the very one who demolished his family & house, afterwards repaired it & took possession of it & his valuable fields. For fear of his life he has never been back but now makes an effort to regain his property were his right to its ownership shall have outlawed. Now in such a case does our Govt. do anything to protect such a servant's rights as well as ours as American subjects? Please answer promptly on this point. I know time and again Eng. consuls have in such cases of our servants in the past.

Yours most sincerely,

Bitlis, Oct. 30, 1905

R. M. Cole

Dear Dr. Barton: Seems to me you may be interested in our Miss Fellin's letter that you will please send on to Miss Emily C. Wheeler, The Albion, Worcester, Mass. This copy of mine to Mr. Peet gives you another glimpse of our sch. matters. Hastily, &c. All in usual health & safety-

R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, Turkey, via Coyshle
Oct. 31st 1905

Ans'd DEC 4 1905

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Miss Mary Ely & I are back from our tour of 17 days through north half of our field & Moush region. We had almost perfect weather & roads with no untoward experiences save at the last for me while at Moush. Aside from meeting officials & the Gregorian Prelacy Com^ee on relief matters I took out a busy Sab. the next day in various services at two villages, not getting back to Moush till past sundown, but did not feel particularly tired even then. I retired somewhat early after prayers with the orphan boys who recited before us their passages of scripture learned by heart. After brief sleep I awoke with a terrible pain in lower part of my spine & across the kidneys, and for two days & nights little relief could be obtained & I began to fear I should not be able to ride home on horse back. But after arranging my work largely in relief lines for poor ones to have million set out for home in rather short stages, and here we are once more & I seem improving - not so bad as when leaving Moush. Why do I refer to this personal episode? You may wonder? It is because I am convinced from this experience I must call a halt to such high pressure of duties, and probably should take a respite from them as soon as possible. Miss M. Ely was alarmed at M. on seeing how difficult

it was for me to change my position - rise up or lie down, as the case might be, and said "certainly I should do no more touring, it was not safe" &c. and of this I am at last reluctantly persuaded & must act according. Of my physical defects I may have written you in the past - the varicose leg, sort of war indemnity brought on at Erzrum in those dark times of '77 & 8; of the hernia brought upon me from overturning of wagon by carelessness of mosteem driver as once we were coming to America from Bitlis & not far beyond Erzrum towards Trebd some 17 years ago. The other difficulties - catarrh & slight spinal difficulty - came with me to this country in the first instance, but naturally have been not a little aggravated from various reasons. Drs. pronounce B. bad for catarrh or pulmonary tendency, as there is much dampness winters & Dr. H. felt I should move to some other place because of that & for easier work generally. Our Nellie A. of some catarrh in Oberlin finds it worse here, while her mother, Mrs. C., has no little trouble from rheumatism.

But for my spinal trouble the crucial test came on our return from late Van Mission meeting when I had a serious fall from my horse upon the hard, stony road touching on my back & on the most vulnerable spot that so hurt me that pain much increased, and causes no little anxiety. Since returning from Van I have made four longer or shorter tours among the villages but this last time took the precaution of putting on the best common plaster available (no porous ones to be had) and the above has been the result.

years ago, in late see Dr. Clark's time when in Boston during a home visit, Dr. C. referred me to a specialist for spinal difficulties, who applied a hot iron, but to no advantage; he later told Dr. C. who in turn told me I should be cautious lest from a fall or serious jar I might have paralysis of the lower spine & no further use of my legs! Of course I have tried to keep in mind caution, but have to admit that in a land of such infelicities & with a make-up leading me to carry the heavy burdens always, my deeds have not often been suited to the thought too often occurring when it is quite too late, or I might not gone to the Van meeting & so escaped that fall.

But in place of regrets for one who has ever sought to do what he could in what he deemed the conscientious duty, you may care more to learn what he would suggest to relieve the situation. Of course this house should not be left open or even the Ely sisters, far from very well, long occupants for a long time & we would suggest this.

Mr. Stapleton, when here on return from Van, spoke as though he might come here if Em could be provided for, and his wife with quite a supply of medicine I have on hand almost like a doctor, from long experience, could fill the medical bill for the circle & sch. without being drawn into outside practice for which she has no permit.

As for Erzu Dr. U. now has more language & experience but there is Dr. H. S. Barnum of Conshohocken Avedaper hopes who has written me in the near past as though he should

in the near future drop the Editorship for Mr. Allen and hope to take up missionary work direct again for a brief period ere he withdrew from the land.
Now why could not he & his wife with no other family incumbrances come on temporarily to take Mr. Stapleton's place & possibly initiate a new man? you would find it much easier to get outside, safer & cheaper than for this so shut-in, snowbound, perhaps unsafe Klondike Bitter.
Now do not you think Cole has thrown up a pretty good move to be made up along the missionary board! Do you just think it over to see what can be done about it. I talked it over with Miss M. Ely, my touring companion, who thought well of it obviously. They too, need reinforcement bad.
Just home I cannot write Mr. S. & Dr. Barnum this post but hope to next & see that a vote is started at once asking Boston to approve of our taking at least a respite from duties in view of my condition & here in our eighth year of service it would be, though if going South we should hope to leave early in March even if the Elys were alone a few weeks ere the Stapletons could arrive. since coming out last time.
This for my (unexpected you may say) gantlet cast down before you, pray grapple it at once & give us an early reply.
Just hear of the good meeting at Seattle. Very sorry for heavy debt but glad to see Dr. Gladden who seems to show much of the human hill at least & was held pat down.
As a pastor would he smell over carefully the money paid on his salary or take it as bonafide coin & ask no questions! Others in usual health. Hastily &c

R. M. Cole.

Rev. R. M. Cole
Bitter-Turkey
Oct. 31-1905.

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Dr. Barton;

I wish to answer your kind letter of the ult. and make special mention of your clause in it saying that "none of you there would blame us for leaving Bitti's station before a colleague is found," and you said this before my letter telling of my attack at M. had come to hand. Of course it is a disappointment to be thus unexpectedly forced to such a decision when we had planned to hold on two or three years longer, and our Nellie A. coming out in nature of helper for us, too had thought of some such length of time.

But the spinal attack, and how it has been since, leads us to feel such is the only safe course for us to take. I have ventured on only a few short rides since coming from M., but find greatest caution is called for, but hope I am to improve (have not a little already) that I can ride an easy horse to the coast. The vote for our leave of absence has gone round, and we have heard of its being affirmed at Ann Arbor, though Mr. Stapleton had not yet arrived from Ezim; so it was awaiting his signature. Our Dr. Underwood is under date of 14th ult. "I am glad to put my name to the vote giving you rest. You may be sure, and there can be no question to passing, of course, I have written Dr. Barton strongly." Dr. U. seldom free of pain anytime by day or night, and have as little on my feet as possible.

But we are getting along very well. Please do not think of me as discouraged. It is, however, a little

hard for me to forgive N. Y. for not backing up my Grab
Parnelee's urgent invitation for us to have gone there, wh
I could have risked more, as it would been so easy to stay
board the steamer, whereas here the overland down books ha

Our Nellie is a tower of strength to us these times, an
possibly from our being able to lean on her so much we t
come to ourselves, and feel our physical status all the m
She is almost like a trained nurse; has treated us both to
sage in which she has taken lessons of a specialist - a full
She is much help to her mother in this respect for her rheum
tism that is worse this season than ever before. In fine a
we can fully know the great help she is to us, - so much s
that we almost wonder how we got along without her. She
in & out of the schs, takes one of my lessons; reviews the
phans wardrobe, dining room arrangements, &c. goes a
to our Industrial factory 8 minutes away often by far than
since my return from M. But she finds this climate worse
her catarrh than that at Oberlin, as I have hinted in the fo
while Mrs. Coles rheumatic difficulty troubles her not a lit
I thank you much for your appreciative words as to Cole
service; I feel he has tried to do what he could but h
more conscious than any other one can be of how (it has
But this is quite enough as to the Cole contingent
What the prospect of replacing poor Cole! From what t
Underwoods write us Mrs. Slapleton does not take to the
idea of helping out B. can for a time; but we shall
what they may write us when he reaches home from
Erzingan, and they talk it all up together -

Of course this so difficult & trying post no one is likely to jump at, - we did not when more than 21 years ago we yielded & came here from the insistence almost of late Dr. Clark that one of the Chambers or I come on so that late Mr. Knapp might go to America to recruit his health. If then Cole stepped out of the ranks, as has happened more than once there more than 37 years, and taken upon him what fellow missionary shrank from; and when he has added to that at first stipulated one year more than some of others why not some one come up for him now! Of course these ladies should not be left alone well not if they must be for a little time the most they can do is keep along the cash ap of the Treasury while some rather experienced gentleman should be here from time to time to oversee that and other matters, make out annual accts. &c. No outsider even those at Constple, can realize all the hat-wearer has to carry here. At the rate money orders, (mostly for friends of emigrants) has gone for the last six months there should be well on to two thousand Liras or near $10,000. for the whole year, while there is the sch. questions and the property question that is no small menace to the Boards interests as well as a thousand and one other responsibilities that only sole occupant hatwearers of stations can understand. What then is to be done? If you cannot push the Stapletons as a family to move on here for a time then why not insist on his extending his tours on two or three days long twice or thrice a year to gather up accts, meet questions, &c for some weeks, as he has now

done to tour Erzingan even leaving his wife with a young babe on her hands. This would help out till the new man might come, and serve as the peripatetic treasurer as does Mr. Sanders down in C.G.M. at least for Cilicia. To tell the truth, in Cole's humble opinion, seems to me such arrangement perhaps a lay business expert one apes - we to reside at one of the stations & go round the mission twice a year to relieve the missionaries in such matters ought to be worth thinking of. It would lengthen the life of the missionary, leave him freer for his ordinary missionary work - & of the spiritual work. Naturally he should be a man of some experience in law, as well as accts. and should reside enough in the Interior to realize even such as Mr. Peet cannot at Constpl. Could not such a G.M.C. man well up in business, & with, perhaps, the extra touch of being a dentist, be found, for some have advocated a circulating dentist. Certainly for these treasuries in the Stations the interests of the Board seem to call for some such circulating accountant. They may have learned how Van, in the absence of careful Dr. Raynolds has been run into a hole in money matters so that Mr. Peet refused to cash their drafts - all because in hot haste after having purchased in our vilayet at some L.T. 1500 north of Erzerum fearing it would not reach them, they duplicated the purchase near at hand which I should doubt if Dr. R. one of more experience would have done. In the straits Mr. asked me to telegraph them L.T. 700. of our Bal. credit, which I did. Cole is no accountant, boasts not of his experience, but he and tries to keep head of the Station above water - out of debt. Respectfully R. M. Z.

Our dear Friends:- Cole Bitlis, Turkey, via Cons'ple, Dec. 12th/05

Months, if not seasons, have come & gone since we sent out any general missive to friends telling how it fares with us in these parts. Following our return from Van Missionary meeting in July we have made several detours among the villages of longer or shorter duration, the last 6 of which was round via Akhlat & Boulanouk to Moush & thence to B. in 17 days-Miss M. Ely accompanying in this last so as to visit some of their old pupils.

Of the trip & my physical experiences while at Moush from spinal difficulty aggravated by a bad fall from my horse on the return from Van, some of you will have heard, and how with difficulty I could ride back home. Though I am much improved, yet the warning has been such that extreme "caution now becomes the better part of valor" without doubt,-so much so I fear my time for touring the field, or carrying the burdens of the work here as formerly, is past; hence my eyes are out for the one who is to come to our relief as soon as possible so there be no break in the usual course of matters at Bitlis.

Owing to my physical decline I could not do so much as I hoped to in relief lines-giving out cheaper grains-millet, barley & cotton so the poor ones could weave their own supply for clothing, etc., but I arranged to have it go forward just the same, so the meager allowance in hand do the most good for the poor ones. I was much pleased to learn how well it had fared with the 230 oxen & 100 plows I passed those mountaineers last May-in person scaling those lofty, almost inaccessible mountains, right into their midst-some of the floundering in the snows! Reliable parties just down from the regions told me how all the oxen were safe in hand, which seems to argue that our foreign brand (R-for relief) burned upon them did have a deterrent effect upon Kourdish would-be marauders, as I had hoped & planned it would.

Of course leading parties were down from Sassoun regions, not only to portray their distress for all it was worth but to complain that taxes were to be extorted from them the same as from villages on M. plain quite as poor these late years, though more accustomed to hard labor to take care of themselves. We ventured to suggest to the acting governor that taxes be delayed till spring lest some of our oxen be sold to satisfy the demand of the taxgather to which he replied emphatically "No! the oxen will not be sold for that" which was in keeping with word of the official sent to the province, as I had heard. This was good news to hear, for the oxen & plows are so needful in helping the people to care for themselves. Not only they but all through the Bitlis vilayet the poor people are much demoralized from such poverty as utterly discourages them. At all times & places the ubiquitous, rapacious taxgather with his always ready makes merciless, often irregular demands upon them. We hear how in that so-illfated province the last morsel of bread was taken, & if grain happened to be found, was sold at a third of its price to pay taxes! Governments must have taxes but would the collectors might be righteous ones; for lack of such often unwary ones are goaded on to courses very harmful to themselves & the reputation of their race. Not a few villages have been partially or wholly destroyed, as is being done over in Macedonia for same reason. We saw the smoke of one such still ascending as we passed along below it. For the second time insurgents-this one they were eleven As.-had taken quarters in the same village, naturally to be run upon by the soldiery with usual sad results. Likely the agitators would seek to exonerate their course by pointing to hoped for good results in the northern country. Certain it is no one seems able to teach such ones wisdom & so roving bands keep provoking more or less disturbances-putting the people lower each time, in hopes of attesting the attention of the outside world, as they say. Oh, that peace & prosperity might rest upon this one of the naturally rich lands of earth!

With cordial greeting to one & all, Sincerely yours.

Perhaps few may think best to bear this along to Armenians of Boston who have sent us relief, as you know

Turkey- Dec. 12-1905.

Royal M. Cole

Bitlis, Dec 15th 1905

Dear Dr. Barton;-

On this day of almost one of your blizzards-
...us cold & severity (mercury standing only at 33 plus) I face
...t & over through the warring elements towards you of
...ld America in a familiar, personal communication.
...all & beginning of winter have been beautiful & cold
...off so well that only once has thin ice been seen on water.
...on old Boreas gathers himself up, with a will & so wreck-
...y hurls the damp snow against walls that in places they
... as though new white plaster had become their portion!
...ut now to speak of such things as may find a place
...atchman's reflections, should he attempt one more such effusion,
...me again speak of the Bitlis station question without wait-
...to hear from you in answer to mine, hartly in view of
...is from Messrs. Barnum & Stapleton I hinted might per-
... move up along the missionary board - the former replacing
... for a time to be come on to take my place at Bitlis.
... Barnum (a warm friend as well as brother in law then & who
... once how he felt he should be glad to be associated with me)
... he cannot come, nor does he believe his station
...ld allow him to come to Em, and he writes at length
... reasons but the whole but up in most sympathetic
...ds, like the following "I wish I could help you; for I feel
... you occupy, perhaps, the most trying position of any
...ionary in Turkey, if not of any missionary of the Board.
... hold on there under the circumstances in which you
...e been placed has called for fortitude & self denial;

and you & your good wife have done nobly in sticking to your post," &c. In fine, so far as words go, he leaves nothing to be desired. But what we want is a live man (not words) to step into my place & show his willingness now! Dr. B. says "If no help comes from outside it were better for Mr. & Mrs. Stapleton to come to Bitis & leave Em. ladies with only Dr. H. than to leave the Elys alone in the wilds of Kaffiristan; that, seems to me, is not to be thought of, as a permanent solution." He speaks of Mr. Charles Tracy at Smyrna, but thinks I would not wish to give him up even for Greece whither he was voted. He refers to Mr. Balwin, but thinks he might feel he could not leave Bronsa, and refers to some others but closes by suggesting that I refer the question to their Com^ee ad Interim and that they might think of some one he did not.

As for Mr. Stapleton his reply was later, brief & unsatisfactory "Very glad are we to sign the vote you sent the other week but not so ready to give up this field. It seems to us best that a new man come out from America or some station where they are more than we are here" — speaks of such a man as "Mr. Tracy of Smyrna coming rather than robbing us." "We wish to continue the policy begun here & let us see if we can overcome some things we have met here," &c. One might question as to his great importance there, considering the past, as compared with a man from outside with Dr. H.; they might say a change here where the safer, the conservative, Ely sisters would have a good influence (as we should say) on him in certain lines; especially would miss Ely doing more touring, when probably he would not receive into the church each tour, as at Ezn of late & formerly at

shadows a score in each region where there was nothing said of a revival of religion! Here he would see a perhaps over cautious church with its pastor. With our interesting revival & special interest & meetings running nearly three months I fear the Ch. will be chary about bringing in many from our schs - for the work begun has continued more in our Boys' sch., much of the credit of which - next to the Holy Spirit - is due our new teacher, Nagop Tonzhdian Esq., a graduate of Ain-College, & up from there last year.

Our pastor, Khaching here, says Mr. Stapleton told him he has been en route from Van, & he owed come Bitlis on if only Erzrum could be provided for, though his one words do not appear much like it, unless strong pressure is applied to him, as was done years ago by late Dr. Clark on our Erz station for this. I tried earlier, which in this case will naturally fall to you & the Com^e ad interim. Our Van meeting something in that direction even though none of them have seen the case of us Coles was to come up later some two or three years, for this physical decline has not come upon me yet.

Taking of Trebd & Mr. Tracy's having been voted there in view of his knowledge of Greek (as Dr. Crawford seems to have been before him) I am of the opinion Bitlis is much more important to keep up. It is only some four days from Van & so von with its Greek-speaking missionaries, and Trebd has not much property there & it could all be sold to good advt. So far as I have seen very little of aggressive work is done there & never have I of a tour among the Greeks up among the mts &

to Gumish Khaneh five days towards Erzm since late
Mr. Seelye made one. He had supposed more would be done
But here is Bitlis with its extensive & expensive buildings
that would go to nought under present conditions, if mis-
sionaries were to leave & what would be done for our more
than a score of outstations! Hence sense my plea still is
for Bitlis though such is my physical condition (as
my physician Dr. Underwood who from careful diagnosis
of my condition knows me well) feel duty to myself & my
family (for Mrs. C. is somewhat poorly from rheumatism
& worn from the hard confusing life we lead here!
calls me hence for sometime at least as soon as we
can get away, and surely gallantry on the part of the mis-
sionaries Board will insist on some man of experience
coming to this so important yet difficult place so far
far from strong or courageous ally ladies be not left alone.
No new, inexperienced man could fill the bill. Some years
ago, when I was younger than now, & when obstructions were in
my way, as you know, I asked our late Missing Vali frank-
ly if they would like to get rid of me, and would they pre-
prefer a young man? "Oh, no!" said he not a young man,
and you may think every young intelligent man is one
to be in with the agitators! For officials seem turning eyes
on the younger Eng. vice consul, Arthur B. Geary, Esq. who has
replaced Mr. Heathcote who left us for home the 28th ult. They also
watch the Russian consul-gossip having it those govern-
ments, one or both, have to do in prompting disturbances
on the Persian border which has called away not a few sol-
diers, even to some cannon! This, perhaps, as a tinge of anti-
foreign feeling which seems turned more against young men,
though may spring now not a little from naval demonstra-
tion reported to be going on by the Powers in front of Smyrna
because of the Macedonia question, but all seems quiet here.
We would then, urge that Bitlis be provided for & held on to
even though such as Fred be left weak, but Mr. Tracy
would be better fitted for Erz than B, that calls for Mr. S. and
his medical wife. Hastily, cordially,

R. M. Cole

confidential. Dear Dr. Patton. Another remark to me after my
as long personal chat. In any case if you cannot push Mr. Stapleton
into coming here to urge him on so early in apr. on his way to
Conf. meeting at Mardin May 15th thus he can take over the books
(accts) from me; for Miss M. Ely the only one that has to do with, and cash
more than carry cash afe, and even with that between Mr.
Adams & my taking back the books on our arrival she made the
mistake on money orders of paying £12 to a villager twice over
in a few days of each other & so our "heavy loss". Their & Mr. A's
relations were such in remittals for orphans, poor, &c. connected with
me, he would say nothing about it but put it on their
personal afe, tho I persuaded her it did not belong to them
she arrived & so fell some £30 off. Other accts. of late
she (Mr.) forgets badly - as even her sister says - which is why
for even cash afe. Mrs. B. runs more of cash afe than do I
we both keep rough cash blotter books before it enters
relation cash book so as to watch for accuracy in balance
ledies voting I am afraid you mistook my meaning. I ap
for consistency in such - not voting on things not of their
but neglecting it in other cases where it was a clear duty.
Yours keep perfectly mum as to your letter about Miss Knapp's case, sent to them.

our stated clerks must feel difficulty where, as for instance
Em, when Mr. & Mrs. Slapleton both voted & Miss Foot
a fear on the ground. Certainly as a rule, wives are
better posted as to work outside the girls' schools at the cent
they learn of their husbands at home — men back from
or correspondence & touring at the point of the pen com
the wives & is talked up at home, while lady teachers li
by themselves & narrowing nothing but their narrowing sch work, as
with Miss Ford at Em, what can she know, for instance
work in Erzr regions she has never visited. Our Ely sis are
different in that respect, as they tour more, especially Miss Mary Ely.
But I do dislike this method of freaks in voting. These here in
the past opposed ladies' voting, as they did & do still taking part in
our station prayer meeting by ourselves as a so depleted circle, but
Miss Knapp (more of the nonconformist style) got them up to the
of freakish voting! Sometimes Miss M.C. will sign for her
in her absence, at others she will not do so — "playing fast and loose"
you see. These ladies ought not be left alone for thought they
talk bravely, but we have seen & heard them near at hand
much of such is brave with little meaning, as once Miss
consciously showed by telling how afraid she was in a certain
with other missionaries --- She ended my long talk

BITLIS, TURKEY, Via CONS/ple, Dec.19/05

Our dear Friends:-

With passing along compliments for the season here as old Dec. & 1905 are waning, let me refer to some other items respecting matters at Bitlis, if, perchance, they may have some interest to readers.

Our former Eng. Vice Consul, Mr. Heathcote, left us for his new post at Philippopolis & to visit Eng. the 28th Ult., though the temporary occupant of thi Consulate, Arthur B. Geary, Esq., arrived three days before; the latter seems b to be making good impressions about, especially on Argus-eyed ones who have a special drawing towards such young men-all the more owing to reputed disturbances on the Persian border south of Van, and which has called off not a few of our soldiers at B.-including a few field-pieces; not unnaturally, perhaps, gossip has had it that two Powers back of these two foreign officials may have had to dowith the moving cause, tho we repudiate all such affirming that if the Eng. one was in it we should know. However, we surmise the little naval demonstration may have given the slight tinge to the matter, for the Consul demonstration is talked about in market & so no secret.

All seems quiet as usual, tho our Vali has been absent now some two weeks in the Sodanouk & Moush regions-at Malasgerd of the former to take over in some ceremonial new Govt. buildings made to take the place of those shaken down by the earthquake a few years ago. Veering round by Gope & Warto we suppose he is somewhere on the Moush plain; but with our four & half feet of fresh snowfall-most of it within thirty-six hours he is blocked in, as is the post, telegraph wires down, etc.-an unusual hibernal siege for time of the year, while it comes still so vigorously there may be two feet more tomorrow.

Obstructions-rather no permit given by new lieu. Govt. at M. for the small relief distribution that was to go on after our return home, & for which we sent over aman. We hoped the Vali would set it right but from our M. letters it does not seem to have touched there. Perhaps as M. official was with him at Malasgerd when they could talk up matters,-shall see how it turns out.

While at M. we were glad to learn all the 250 oxen & 100 plows were safe in hand-our foreign brand(B-relief) turned upon them seeming to have a deterrent influence upon wouldee Kurdish marauders, as I hoped & planned itwou on my suggesting delay in taxgathering to the acting Govr, an old B. friend, & expressed fear some oxen might go to meet the demand, "No! he said" the oxen will not be sold for that" & so said the new caimakam in the mountains; with them in hand & seed to sow next spring there should be hope for them if they can be kept alive this winter. It goes without saying that I can no longer scal those lofty, almost inaccessible mountains as I did last May in passing over to the poor ones those oxen. Hence any so kind as to send relief must take into account how it is safely to reach its destination, for my physical status does not longer permit such hardships. I fear some of the mountaineers will again betake themselves to the plain where people seem almost poorer!

But last & by no means least let me refer to the so interesting religiou awakening in our midst-it seeming to begin on the very Sab. of our Board's meeting at Seattle to which reference was made in our morning prayer meet'g Next to the holy Spirit our new teacher up last year from Aintab college has been most conspicuous & the Pastor's preaching apropos to the time, & helpful. As a climax to the whole & important accentuation came the world-wide evangelist, Rev. F. Franson who was able to give us four days in many meetings in such telling sermons & talks as clinch the course new converts have begun. The revival at the start seemed to have a bit of the Wales tinge to it, & one meeting could not be closed in our boys' Sch. till 2 A.M., while in another the teacher sought to have smaller boys retire earlier but they set going a prayer meeting all by themselves. Pray that in the Shepherding there be good care taken of the lambs, as hinted Mr. Franson in his last words out on the road as he said good bye.

Cordially, prayerfully for all,

Watchman.

Turkey. Dec. 19-1905.

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Bellingham Jan. 18th 1906

Ans'd FEB 10 1906

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your kind missives of the 5th & 15th ult. came in upon us together not a little bedraggled if not weary from their long journey by sea & land - the last of our snows. There was also the weighty circular over your signature. If we may have no other virtue in the matter let our very prompt reply show that much merit - for "doing a thing right on time is twice doing it" said one of my old teachers. Hence we as a wee station propose to answer by return both officially and personally as Bellingham's status appears now. But first of all let me say that we were shocked by what was the tone of your communications - they came a little like a thunder clap from a tolerably clear sky. We knew of the very heavy debt on the books & felt terribly sorry for it, as I think I have indicated in some past letter; but so far as we gathered from the Seattle paper there was no minor key note as to it in your meeting and not a little there & at other places the past year has been said & rung out with assurance as to "The Forward Movement." but methinks the intonations we gather from yours of this post mean "Backward Movement!" Of course we cannot blame you for seeking to read correctly the face of the financial compass lest our missionary craft be run too much in among the narrows! Of

Pos'd on the according of this letter on receipt, and now Feb. 11 ans'd.

course we of the foreign service are ready to do our part in all methods of economy, and think we could find places for not a little such along the line before it reaches us & beginning with larger offices & centers, in postage, stationery & perhaps employees being made fewer, as in earlier years when missionaries & others could step over the limit & help in another department. But leaving over this & some other items on economy, permit me to come to what you hint of closing some missions, cutting off stations or combining the work, or allowing other Boards or organizations to come in & share the work.

As for passing over Mardin field to our Pres. friends you know this was mooted at our Ann meeting before we knew of the present financial crisis, and all seemed ready to approve such, though the two Persia missionaries Pres. ent were far from confident their board would take it. As for closing stations why not nudge your colleague, Dr. Smith, & say try it on for Ireb'd & Brousa they have been so much without missionaries, especially the former, and they are so near, by steam, to other stations, and you know W. U. approps almost equal two other missions. S. has taken up the Greek work but see no such; the city has its experienced Prof. Foster, a large part of whose salary rests on rent of shops connected with the Chapel the Board so largely built years ago. There is U. S. Consulate there whose nice consul wrote me he should be glad to forward our boxes, but there are plenty of native agents

With no particular educational nor orphanage plant there, nor Greek work, why hold that place & not let the missionary come on to Erzerum where his Turkish & some Greek too right in town could help Dr. M. & Mr. S. Come to B.? As for giving up any save Marsovan station in our E. T. I do not believe we should think of it at present even though they have to run short handed so far as foreigners go.

You hint at inviting Van & Bitlis, if the steam launch is to materialize. But the launch seems to me rather visionary under present conditions, and our B. & Van Eng. Vice Consuls are quite sure no permit can be secured. But let us assume a permit is to come & the boat be on hand, look at the cost of such a concern, salary of foreign engineer to run it & guard by day & night when it was not running, and the risk there would be to it by jealous seamen who would watch an opportunity to put such a rival off the track, while the risk from such a stormy lake so high up is also great. Is it safe for us to base plans for the work on such uncertain contingencies? But granted this, too, were cleared away. Bitlis be come up so far as to even close this Mt. Holyoke Boys High School & all were to take shipping for V. You say enlargement of buildings & a new missionary family would be called for there. By a rough estimate I suggest this: £T 150.00 for boat & road, 120.00 a year for engineer, 12.00 for guard, 10.00 for repairs & fuel, extra family for Van 150.00, enlargement of buildings there 100.00 — in all £T 542.00

now let us look at it from the Bitis end - what have we here? what to leave and probable results? We have some £4,350.00 worth of Boards property in the field - including all held in peoples name but largely Board's funds and of this nearly £2,000.00 in these extensive, valuable buildings in Bitis city, which would soon go to the bad with no Americans near at hand to care for them; while what could we say for the work in these more than a score of out-stations only to have semi-occasional visits from Van! Moreover how would it be treating these so worthy, devoted Sly sisters (not to speak of ourselves) who have worked on over 35 so faithfully also seeking to hold this post and only accepting half salaries at that from the Board, now in their declining years ask them to close their sch. this Mt. Yoke that has been so long the apple of their eye - & in whose buildings & furnishing they have some personal funds, move over & set up again in a strange city whose climate has not agreed with them in the past when they have tried it! yet methinks they would elect to hold on here alone as do those ladies in Ourfa rather than do it. But why not let this extra missionary family you hint would be needed at Van in the doubling up process of the stations, come right to Bitis, cut off expense of the launch, building enlargement, &c, when you could readily see by comparing figures as above there would be financial gain & much better prospect for our work generally. You say they have foreign consuls at Van: of Christian Yo's there is only a French Catholic (of no use to us) more than we have here in Bitis these recent years. It would well nigh cause a panic among Christians generally in the regions to leave all our premises with Van, for they turn to us to stay them up in their utter discouragement. If there be more exposure for us here so is there more need of such comfort as we can give the poor people such times. But how I have run on - too prolix - dear to hold your attention though have not time to rewrite & condense "I write a long letter" as some one has said "for lack of time to write a short one". But ere I reach the finale I must ask your indulgence while I take you over upon another sheet to show how Providence seems opening the way to relieve our board of half of our ~~sec~~ salary expenses at hands of our Germans friends - a letter coming there in some bag with your

Dear Rayno[illegible] Bitis Jan. 19th 1906

Many thanks for funds of the 1st inst. directed to Bitis Field; and which treats of the Bitis status, &c. &c. approchment &c. I will be likely to call out various letters in reply from others & myself. Some of these may come to you rather than to Dr. Barton (return) in some cases copies & most explaining as an enclosure by C... I deem it would have illustrations & two important letters from Barton, as also mighty Circular copy over his signature must have come up from Benifield in the same mail bag. B. treats both in the letters & Circular of the Board's grave pecuniary difficulties in carrying such a heavy debt, and ways & means as to what might be done to lessen expenses by giving off Missions, combining stations, passing over to the other Boards or organizations, missionaries &c. cautions about making any special appeals for funds lest so cap the general Treasury &c. But taking it for granted you will have seen it I need make no further comments the Circular issued by the Com.ee though I may give copy of resolution we send Barton on matters & copy also of what I write him of it & other matters which would save my writing some of it over to you in the hurry. Latter part of our resolutions will show our feeling towards the Bis. I feel it one of the providences that may come in to help Board that Bitis be held on as formerly while the one family with missionary Dr. B. thinks might be called for at once in case of the union there, would be sole occupant Bitis, as we have been so much since coming here. For my holding on still longer here as you directly

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dicate, I will feel rather disappointed when you go my
and should still more so if Dr. Ben determine to repeat
the visit as he has known it so well the last two years,
I did so from the emergency I should do so as he knew circu-
stances which our children do not income on hearing of the
station; and Dr. B. feels the danger also. I would not care to
ing to perambulate around by means of a three wheeled chair
nor by force of my arms with hardly a lower limb at
I would better should hope it would not come to that, but
carrying all we have in quick isolation, is it still duty!
Turning to our German friends & the method of separation or, be
work in independent lines perhaps in Bombay region, if you com
to mind the north of India & need not pass of things that
ld not be much difficulty, two missionaries in Central
to look at the appearance of people & future prices are
[illegible] have an eye on places in the distant land.
[illegible] policy leads us to adopt business principles & keep
worldly distinct from charity that leads saying "pay more
or a higher price" "ie" or "the seems poor" Having in mind
as quickly found out & money lovers would run over the line
with a clear agreement on such principles there should be no
with you that our orphanage plant at Oan is large enough
would be better to develop the branch in Prayagi rather
a outlay of some 100 rupees or 14,000 transportation
ies of tent & pen as those at present a Bettie & Ai
in, two of them sick yet on Oan, one at Jabalpur.
orphan boy returned from Ko. Dipk. Sale & officers in charge
are also no application but seem pleased to have them far-
ther our friends feel in more of the Dipk. in Nepal region
range were the plant at Ujeli. Mr. Edwin could quickly and
on at the Dipk. they would have the a large property & [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible] Nepal. It also be a Jubilee
[illegible] rate his workers in Ko. [illegible] considering measures, till

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Bitlis Jan. 20/06

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Dear Dr. Barton; Taking into account your late circular copy at hand with your late letter, & concerning the financial distress of our Board, in speaking for our depleted station, I might say that we fully indorse your kind paragraphs in it. II. As to "appeals for special objects" we know such has been sapping the treasy, though some funds may have come from outside ranks. More than once has the subject been up in mission meetings, I think has referred to ab'v'an, but too few heed the old laws. 2. "No reinforcement save in dire emergencies" this year, which we fain hope may be made to include poor Bitlis, as per enclosed - 3. As to mission deciding respecting best use to be made of approps is sent on; ours for the gen'l work not yet come (tho for sal's of missionaries (hos.)) But here Bitlis ~~has~~ would put in its protest against the new percent (15%) our stated clerk seems to have passed on for you. At our v'an meeting there was a disposition on part of some to put in ann'l meeting sup. allowance and an additional amt. for sum total of estimates for the future, based upon which the new percent was adjusted, and as chairman of finance com'ee Mr. Andrus submitted Bitlis for only 15% instead of 18% as formerly. I put in my protest then & there but all, & especially Mr. A., assured us in the division of the larger amount B. would have even more than old 18%. I am writing Mr. A. on this matter but refer to it here as a warning though as our estimates for 1906 were made up on the old 18% the new 15% will come up at next meeting -

You may recall I have spoken in great letters how I felt Bitlis should have more rather than less than 18%, and so it was talked we were to have, as per count of certain one finding it so easy to add to sum total for mission as if it was to be granted. Here we are with nearly a score of graduates of our boys high sch. now for three years - including those to pass out this year, and how are we to employ them. Two of them are boys from Seirsoun & are meeting with favor hitherto from military officers even in the barracks there at teaching the children in the ill fated province this winter. Two or four young men are to come back from a theological course at Kpb this season if we can carry their sals, but what can we do, and what justice is there, pray, in thus robbing B. to pass over to Van formerly having only 11% when the latter has almost no permanent outstations, while her educational plant is claimed to have no little income, and the orphanage plant rests on other funds -

4. As to passing work to other organizations - see enclosures.

5. Respecting having more foreign or more good native workers we decidedly favor the latter. Years ago at mission meeting in Mardin Mr. Gates (now Pres. of Robert College) said he almost felt like resigning at seeing how much of the money went for missionaries compared with that for native workers. Let safe missionaries of experience guide along the work but hold on to native workers. We have been surprised to see the number of new recruits being sent out, and if missionaries were to be recalled why not some of these ere they have acquired the language, while they are so yearning as to enter readily on work of the churches at home. I estimate that outfits & sals for such of past ten years & exp. to their places, would nearly close the heavy debt now upon the Board. It is blessed to see young people ready to volunteer for service in the foreign field but they must have something to live on if they are to be free to serve in the regular work - the workman is worthy of his hire - the treasury must not be empty. Here I am at the end of this leaflet also & yet have not closed all I had in mind to say. Hastily, &c R. M. Cole

Rec'd FEB 26 1906

BITLIS, TURKEY, Via Cons/ple., Jan. 26th, 1906

Our Dear Friends:-

Nearly a month of the new year has gone by already & more than that since our Genl. missive went out to absent friends. Tho not a prophet nor son of one, as I hinted in that we might have another two feet the next morning at seeing how it was falling in the evening just such was the registration the following morning! During the near days it rounded out a full ten feet, but what is that compared with the twenty-five of last year! To be sure Feb. may hold us in for not a little of it, but with such beautiful, sunny days as we have now for nearly a month, while mercury lingers well up in the teens or above we may hope for rather an early spring. Posts, however are much delayed-only about two a month-tho we hope ~~for~~ a duplicate is about arriving as "we go to press" Roads are opened, for was not our Vali out since as we hinted in last, but he arrived with great difficulty at dead of night, for had he not scores of retainers & poor villagers in particular, who easily worm the way through. Since then, & from movement of troops southward, as you hint in my last, roads are open, thanks to poor villagers. From one village three days away 21 poor ones with 27 handsleds were workink a whole 17 days to pull through, lost 26 of their sleds & as many ropes & had near to 4 para apiece for the job while boarding themselves save as a bread be had in vils! To be sure if war is actually in vogue south forced labor must be expected. We feel keen for news on this point, and let Mesopotamia friends tell it if a they can, for we dwell in the region & shadow of...poor facilities for information, tho have read in London paper of the raid over the Persian border.

Week of Prayer has passed with unusual owing to the revival wave present with us now for nearly four months, as I have hinted in the past. Prolonged & spirited prayer meetings were held daily till the 19th inst-native Christmas-when an impressive Communion service was held. Several were to be admitted to the church on confession, but more cautious ones advised delay till Easter Communion. Aside from the chapel meetings now dropped down to usual mid-week one, two continue in our boys' Sch. tho with less length. Very marked change characterizes our pupils' daily walk & conversation; past confessions, reconciliations & restitution of things taken had such effect teacher Yacob Ef. (who under God had much to do with this new interest) now finds school work much easier & pleasanter, for mutual complaints, petty thievings, etc. are largely things of the past. When it was at its height policemen of our ward inquired as to the evening meetings being held at boys' Sch. but saw no harm in them. Being at Govt. some leading officials told me with interest of the new & good things they had heard as to how our boys were regulating their faults, confessing, etc. All show came on not a few boys were eager to go out two & two to give the new light to others in town & in nearer villages & for such reading & talk of the Ingil (Test.) said police gave a cheerful approval.

This, in brief, as an obvious manifestation of the Spirit in our midst, tho far be it from us to "number Israel" among such impressible boys but we hope many have been born into the kingdom, while there are few of them or young who do not respond in our meetings by brief prayers (30-40) a few words, read-verse of Script. a hymn, etc. in each meeting. Pray for an ingathering of souls.

Also two of our Sons. in Akhlat regions still obstructed so the teachers can not have regular Sch. two other graduates have gone home to Sassoun & find a goodly number of children to teach there-their course being indorsed by the officials of the barracks, they seeming to find pleasure in talking with the young men of more language & intelligence, & they urge villagers to send the children to these teachers to learn things useful. We bless God if we may but get good Christian influence in there, as that it is which reform calls for the same as over the line to our northward-in Russia. Heaven grant that word of the seed of the Gospel may enter into all those dark places of earth. He is coming to take the place of Mr. Cole in so much need of a change? ~~Don't~~ Don't all speak at once! Give weary ones unequal to the duties a word to cheer.

With cordial greetings to one & all, Yours as ever, Watchman.

Bitlis-Turkey Jan. 26. 1906.

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Ans'd FEB 10 1906

Personal

Dr. Radde:

Enclosed please find Babcman's lecture
gives a clue of the situation, news, &c. much
ich you may be reading in head lines in the
s while we, your antipodes, are much in igno-
e as to why all this movement of troops going
ions to our southward. We have read in Consul's
ton "Mail" that 5-6000 irregulars had made a
over the Persian ~~territory~~ boundary into our territory, but it
ell his majesty the Shah has not to blame for it; but
ome of his regular soldiers were found among them
ould be said! Gossip of moslems have it that some of
sian agitators are among them! It would not be so
range, and perhaps some of the Arabs, long since
ing no little trouble down that way, may be associated!
osed copy of what I sent Dr. R. You may care to glance
as to German co-operation or possible independent work-
been so long since we had a host & now two are
P.O. in town, but it takes so long for the searching of
- loads as though we might have to mail out-
nes ere we can read those. We wonder what
thers will say of our leaving in the spring, for
, one accord seem ready to make excuse a-
coming here & seem to feel we are tied here.
rather inclined to fall back on what you wrote
w Fred & me long ago when I was here alone
'none could blame me for leaving the place open to

but what can it be now when the ladies are here & when Mr. Stapleton could come to help out, as I have in the past if they had the volunteer spirit.

Though my back is much improved I cannot be on my feet much, while my catarrhal cough, troubling me now more or less for several past winters, seems so much worse this, Mrs. C. thinks more of that fearing it is the most dangerous. However, I hope it will pass soon.

Dr. Your circular or was it personal letter, you hinted as to what we might suggest for economy in these financial matters. Modern workers might be inclined to smile at Dr. R. & myself well known economists in our efforts to save & turning down or not keeping too many lamps burning, seeking to save postage or stationery for the stationery score that is to save a is so much contributed to our [illegible]. Yet at B. on such merger salary & postage allowance how think of such as I have hinted in the past. But in most with later workers, later business methods prevail — more employees, more postage & more everything. Mr. Peet will send envelope within envelope & running off half our postage almost. Employee galore when business (per my estimate) is slow not so satisfactory as in late Dr. Pettibone's time when few helpers, but missionaries often helped out & our questions on business matters were answered. I noticed in America if there no chance for more economy at 14 Beacon St. why should many be ticketed to Board meetings. Miss Alice B. sent all the way over to Seattle meeting, back to B. only to return one many weeks over the same to go on to China. In Eng. you know such societies or

Translation of Bitlis Pastor's letter to Dr. Barton, Feb. 8/06

Rec'd MAR 16 1906

Most Respected Dr. Barton,
Secretary of the Board.

Dear Sir:- For the glory of God & the spiritual and mental progress of the people of this place & regions we do humbly appeal to you having great hope that you will be pleased to receive it.

With true heart pain we hear that our care-taking Board by reason of financial straits has a mind to transfer our missionaries to Van; and this painful news the missionaries & we do not dare to communicate to our Church, knowing the very sad impression it would make upon them.

We offer our deeply grateful thanksgiving to our care-taking Board and to its goodly diligent representatives the missionaries & self sacrificing lady missionaries who for these so many years & by undergoing every sacrifice have like a pitiful father nourished us with spiritual, mental and sincere gospel food.

Looking to the number of the years of the past, perhaps you think our people having become of age no longer need guardianship & may with slight assistance be able to manage for themselves without suffering loss, but the reality is the opposite. Our people have become childish again from the force of circumstances beyond their control, and so is to-day in need of careful attention; and we are pained to say that to the present these reasons have an existence which it would be difficult to explain.

Surrounded by these straitened circumstances & amid the most needful conditions, if in accordance with your mention the missionaries are to be transferred to Van there

there will be no escape from the following consequences.
(1) The remaining part of the Prot. people also by being discouraged will emigrate here & there, and the first one will be myself; and I feel bound to say that your missionaries, in dwelling in our midst, have, from several reasons been very great comfort & encouragement not only to our Prot. people but to the Gregorian people as well.
(2) Our precious Boys & Girls schools, our splendid large church edifice & other buildings being left neglected, will fall into decay or be used for the needs of the people of another religion.
(3) Your expenditures here hitherto, the sacrifices, the fruit of the unselfish labors of your missionaries will be lost.
(4) In truth this painful condition by having a bad influence upon the peoples of other stations, after this they will not wish to unite with a Prot. church, thinking that some day when weak & helpless they too, will be deserted & be forced in disgrace to return to the place whence they became separated.

We believe the beneficent Board wherever it sees indispensable need will there increase its favors. Hence we earnestly entreat that you will please send another missionary here in order that by uniting the knowledge & his new methods with the long experience of the old missionaries they continue with new energy as in the religious & educational work here to the glory of God and for the salvation of never dying souls!

Though most honorable Mr. Cole is disposed to remain, and with self sacrifice continue the work, as we desire; still, as his health is not good, there is fear that by remaining alone, and continuing the work as formerly there will be complete danger to his health, which all would much regret.

Offering to you our deepest respects and with loving salutations we remain

Yours faithfully,

Simon Sarkisian,
Deacon of the church.

(Signed) Khachig Vartanian,
Pastor of Prot. church.

Bitlis, Kourdistan, Feb. 8th 1906.

Bitlis, Feb. 8th, 1906

Rec'd MAR 16 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Though I have sent you so much material of late as to weary you with the reading, still as such important questions are on the tapis these days for this station and its future work you should have all the light you can.

Probably Dr. Raynolds will have written you from Germany how some sort of invitation seemed to have come to the German friends from Moush Vartabed or our Pastor Kilaeve there. I now learn it seems only to be the promptings of our Pastor Khaching here, who in his correspondence with a friend at Harpoot made such a suggestion as looking to the Germans coming into this field. Said friend sent to the Gs. at Mpl, they conferred with Rev. Jos. Lohmann, Frankfurt a/m and the last named one spoke to Dr. R. Whether bonafide invitation or not it led to rather a frank talk between Dr. R. & Mr. Lohmann I judge, and we hope good results may follow, though we shall not hear for a post or two. It has already led to decisive action on our part as a station as you see, in which we were glad to see the Elys also enter, and we wrote confidentially to Dr. R. on the situation in hopes some final arrangement might be hit upon speedily as to continuation as at present at B. Perhaps the new German at Van coming over early this spring for Moush, unless it be best for him to locate here till their doctor Dr. R. spoke of, might come possibly to be at B. at least winters as possible. But we must admit that natives, in such matters,

may have not a little thought of more money, and to this I have hinted in writing Dr. R. but so far as we have seen the Gs. at Van & elsewhere do not seem spendthrifts. In view of this confession of our Pastor here that probably he had to do with the German proposition we had rather a frank though confidential talk. Of course he & all such would have more money spent in the work, higher salr. &c, but I was able to answer pleasantly all such reasoning, and when he felt so discouraged at any thought of union with Van he was much agitated naturally, but in poverty, as the people are he did not see how they could help the financial problem. And when he began to take in that possibly we might later leave soon from any physical status, if not the Elys also, it was quite too much for him! No, I said, we do not think B. is to be given up, and as he felt so strongly on it we gave him a chance to express himself in writing which I suppose I had better put into English lest it trouble you more than my second read. Of course the assumption that we might be wiped out as a station put him so on the anxious seat that he said he should leave first of all and that the people would scatter & so the Board's work here go to the bad. Though he spoke from much feeling the poor people, if informed, would be quite panic-stricken for Heaven knows how much need there is for comfort of foreigners here! But I trust you will as a Com^ee perhaps leave the question of co-operation with the German friends as Dr. R. with them & our station may deem best, save property matters at least which would be referred by vote to the mission & to you so possibly you could telegraph Yes, if you approved. Dr. R. & our views as to B. coincide pretty well I think on the matter, and he feels much interest in B. & writes me he does not feel

Plays all Van
R. M. Cole

very large any
Nutting &c
but the Germans had better give any
further attention to Monsieur P's letter

Britis, Feb. 8/06

Dear Dr. Barton: Enclosed is the strenuous ap-
[illegible] of our Pastor & Deacon of the Britis Church, and
[illegible] rendered it rather literally leaving you to judge.
[illegible] cannot wonder that they & we all feel keenly on the
[illegible]ject, for never should we remained at Britis after our
[illegible] of volunteering to fill late Mr. Knapp's place till
[illegible]turned from America only that B. was reinstated as a
[illegible]ion, for how could we wait to have all the accounts &c of
[illegible]ge work over this way turn at the point of the pen
[illegible]ving all the way round by Van - would be like setting
the meeting house on its steeple rather than its base!
We have our two cities with centers for work & more than
[illegible]ore of outstations, a large orphanage work both here
[illegible] mouth with quite a large industrial plant for wear-
[illegible] shoemaking, tailoring, dyeing, watch repairing, &c.
[illegible]le we are in fair way of starting in this year in one of
[illegible] nearest villages & an outstation less than an hour
[illegible]th of our city limits, on a farming plant upon fields
[illegible]tain of our orphans, that have come into our possession
[illegible] cheap rate, and which scheme met with the hearty in-
[illegible]ment of our heavy benefactors in the orphanage
[illegible] Prof. & Mrs. Rendel Harris of England when they visited us here.
[illegible]lan is to urge some of our graduates from the Industrial
[illegible] up their looms there, a shoemaker or two his bench &
[illegible]ccupy themselves half of the time in farming & half at
[illegible]rades, especially for the long winters that so largely go to
[illegible] among the idle people, as you must recall.

But all these things take time & supervision, as you can well see, and hence the need of an experienced & practical missionary, & young, right here on the ground. If our people have long organized into a separate community may be inclined to fly off on a tangent, as the Pastor forecasts, and these more than a score of outstations all be left to disband. What would this missionary body be going over to in vain but to a large city work & plant that Dr. R. himself writes me he thinks is large enough already & feels German money might better be put in over this way. Where are the outstations? Where is the separate organization with its bonds to bind them not a little at van? if ours might be uncertain how much more over there would they, if less money were in evidence, drop back into the old ch. where are their roots? Do not let us be hoodwinked by any boat or other chimerical reasoning to such detriment of this so large work to take up so much smaller one in that & so undeveloped field save in the city where Germans seem only anxious to take it over for carrying largely if they be allowed. But I have said enough already against giving up B. for the good of the work as well as for economy, for do not these ladies (Celys) give double service (they are too) & only take of our Board one single salary; and being moneyed more than most missionaries, they help in other ways in the cause. The new arrangement in the proposed union would be a loss in every way it seems to us, as we have showed in past letters. We personally, through friends we have at the Eng. Embassy, had no little to do with this consulate being set up here where it looks very well after American interests so far as our Legation backs it; but should Americans be taken from here all the more danger would there be that consuls would leave & so the cause for Christians be all the more desperate.

R. M. C.

Confidential Bitlis, Feb. 9/06

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am afraid you will not see the back of your pens till we get the blessing which will be clearing away of the snow. As to the Bitlis entente, following which we will say Thank you! briefly. By the way, from a letter of yours dated Nov. 26/02 you raised the question of continuance of Trebizond station by asking me "Do you feel that the work at Trebizond is sufficient to warrant the keeping up of a mission station there?" In those days the thought was for work among the Greeks which seems little realized hitherto - no more than in the late Dr. Parmelee's time for all Dr. Crawford was supposed to be hit upon for the place & W. G. did not invite me. But now with the financial crisis & no particular prospect of work

(Remarks bit of cooling may place here)

developing among the Greeks let Dr. C. move on & up & Em I say again, so Mr. S. could come to B. The latter again writes of the importance of his holding on at E. & a new man coming to B. But in some letter he speaks of more trouble with that church in that as acting hosts he deemed receiving into the ch. on confession of faith certain Armenian sch. girls contrary to judgment of leading men & so they held back from communion! I can but feel that his influence should be increased here under the conservative trend of the Ely sisters; while as per journs to Prof. Andrus, no new man from America direct could fill the bill here at once, we too all feel. Mr. S. has had no little trouble with the E. people but should improve here. But I fear I may be repeating something written in past letters.

In my last I gave some hints as to economy as it appeared to me. Now it seems to me the place to strike for such is not in Bitlis where salaries are at the lowest ebb and where the Ely sisters carry half of their income at Constple that almost equals the other three missions - that is the W. F. Mission whose heavy hand is at Constple. There has been much said late years about coöperating with natives and bringing their talents to the front. Why could not fewer Americans & heavy salaries be used there? There is the Deuragn paper quite as popular in its line as our Avedaper, seems to me, and all run by natives, so far as I know. Paul perhaps better still why could not that & the Aved. be combined with some supervision from some of the publication workers. Why should Mr. Allen, prospective editor of Aved, be spending so much money traveling over the country, as editors in America do it? They work up list of subscribers in other ways. To be sure most of these expenses, possibly, are carried by the Publication Dept but when that gets in debt it has to send off a heavy man like Dr. Herrick that too, costs heavily by the time he finds the funds that often detract from Boards usual income

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want her, which would be a heavy dra
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about Bitts as if to transfer all to
The Board would rob itself of one dol
Perhaps how, we are still dotting the co
for all these years, for they would go
but not over to Van for another tr
Let us look sharply for economy
and none of your workers have be
more careful - if we do say it - than
at B. We save in postage in trav
every way. When I came to Americ
last time via So. route NY, Wing
thought it must be I had not put in
expenses so long was it. We believe
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might be saved in postage, etc.
saved is 5 cts contributed to the Gr
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a 2 ct. postal bit for some unknown
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stamp & sent on from your room 102
out to us & not long ago a blank,
(not filled out at all) came out from
room. Of course these would be c
idered small things for business m
but we used to read "take care of the cen
the dollars will take care of themse
Excuse so much frankness, W. R. M.

R 1906
POST MAY 11 1906

Bitlis, Mch 17/06

ar Dr. Barton; —

In mailing Your letter &c on
h. 10th probably I referred to your
ed missive of Jan. 9th date; but
naturally have an interest
noting if any new development
n the topic. I am sorry to say we are
oving of nothing in that line, & for
ne unknown reason have not
word from Dr. Raynolds nor
German friends, & begin to fear
so full letters, whose copies we
Your I think, have gone astray.
await the coming post anxiously.
I am under enforced detention from
ring Miss M. A. C. Ely & the colporteur
ie kindly taken my place in visiting
ish & region - they going on handsleds
ou by villagers. Yesterday's tel. informed
they had arrived all right in M.

I am so shut in from finding it difficult without hair to be much on my feet, & almost 17 feet of snow up to date gives not good lanes to walk through anyway, thus I am having my third turn at a cough, but trust this, too, will pass away, as have the other two this winter. I am able to tour, attend to relief, & orphanage work at home & the pen in my study.

I take the liberty of enclosing our Nellie's racy letter thus possibly the W. B. M. Secy might care to glance at when it can be sent on without delay. We would stamp envelope only we have no American stamps-

Hastily Yours

E. M. Cole

Dec. 17-1906

Rec'd MAY 11 1906

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constple
April 7th 1906

Ans'd MAY 11 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
Dear Dr. Barton;-

Many thanks for yours of Feb. 23d only
hand by this our last weekly post. We have
n very sorry to hear of Dr. Smith's great affliction
e death of his beloved wife and her yours just
hand his health is also far from good. We
sending a word of sympathy along with this-
wo sent to Mr. Higgins Office, to be passed across to you.
was kind in you to write us this much of a letter
r as you were about starting for the Zenan. Conference.
also thank you for your sympathy as to my physical
ies and for your carte blanche to start out of here as we
i best. Much as we hoped to push out in the early spring
ow looks as though we might not get off before July
ssibly not till after another winter passed here if
n feel it is not running too much risk for me.
truth of it is added to all the difficulties of ecc. obstructions
is added that of the Boards property they protest against
ing over to foreigners names & so I am having it "tooth
2". it coming all the harder as Mr. Peet does not seem
rd pusher with our, so indifferent Mr. Leishman.
uld like to leave things in rather a better condition
y successor, should we not return here as is probable.
we came here in '84 Oct 4th nearly all properties
held in the name of natives & there were no hes-
i for schools. During these years we have acc-

in getting several pieces of property turned over to name of Americans - some ours & some others. But there is much more to be done & Mr. Ober seems anxious we of age & experience here should push it as far as we can. May the Lord lead & prosper! It would seem from your letter you had not yet received our heavy letters on the Pitt's station & German question though must have long ere this. Dr. R. was dilatory answering us - waiting till sometime after they had reached London, and then what he writes is uncertain as to the German Co-operation plan for this field though speaks as though a delegation from them might come on from or via Apr. to Mount here as to it. But all this looks like no little consumption of time ere anything can be decided - and writing the Germans briefly & direct this post to Frank. It seems their new man sent to Van has not proved success somewhat & is being recalled, from what Dr. now writes us the Van friends on the ground say nothing. He had hope he might be the one to relieve me this spring. By the way, as an old friend & in confidence, may I not know it would be in making Whitman College our objective point could we be ticketed through or must we bear our own expenses on across the Continent there? And should we have to delay here & not reach N. Y. City till near autumn should we hire a furnished suite of room away up town set up by ourselves for the short year so as to be with lawyer son & Frank now in Union Seminary, would that for the transfer over to Walla Walla Wn hold good or not? Excuse my frankness in speaking of this - I took a 15 minutes horseback ride yesterday with considerable benefit & hope to improve still more. Heartily yours - R. M. Lee

Rec'd MAY 21 1906

BITLIS, TURKEY, via Cons/ple, April 20/06

Dear Patrons of Mouth Relief:-

Though we distributed near to $880 in Dec. but on this we have in mind to give a hasty report of only 280 Liras or $1540 of which $880 was at the hands of his Holiness the Patriarch to whos this report has already been sent in Armenian. This L.T.280 we have distributed in company with the Gregorian Prelacy Agency at Mouth city, and they have been very helpful-our Evangelical Pastor ever sitting with their Comec. as our faithful representative, while the actual relief agent apparent was a trusty, somewhat experienced man we sent from our Bitlis city & church.

Of the 500, our part-200-came from America & Europe, some of it at hands of H.M.'s Ambassador at Cons/ple & his vice consul here who passed it to us. From lack of first class health I was not able to go to M. to superintend in person the distributions in Dec., Jan., & Feb., but it was carefully attended to by the above board of managers, while our special executive agent referred to above distributed the three times to 62 villages, or near to 11,000 persons ranging from the north side of M. plain to southern Cassoun villages-each one of the times about two piastres worth in grain or money-some 6 piastres in all. We have ever made desperate effort to make some distinction, so that widows, orphans, the aged & infirm might fare a little better, but have to admit success in this direction has not been great, as ablebodied ones claim they have to carry all the burdens of taxation, services, etc. But we try to do the best we can & make the little money go the farthest possible. But poverty is so terrible, hunger & nakedness so apparent we know not what is to be done. It is not a lack of grain supply to any particular extent, but of work, money & credit. Christian peasants are reduced to such extremities that few have any thing left that is not under mortgage to the Govt. Agri. bank, or ordinary M. creditors whose foreclosure is turning multitudes out to be vagrant beggars. But I make no appeal for funds, for the chronic conditions of the land are too well known to the outside world. That people are dying from exposure from utter lack in clothing, bedding & proper food there can be no doubt, but what can be done about it? The future reveals no end to this everlasting call on charity, but we could not prolong such & feel the crying demand in a manifold degree, as over in Macedonia, is nonproduction of what is soon to set outfit all Christian peasants-their all gone for taxes & other debts! Calamity! The Govt. cannot run without money, but what have peasants left!

This for our hasty report of what has been done with funds you so kindly sent us, for the class of humanity so sinned against in this vilayet (state). And we would in their behalf offer most sincere thanks for your help for us. Report of our M. Comec. lying before closes by begging that something be done to supply seed. Would the Govt. might consult its own interest in this respect-furnish seed so they might have a harvest & so tithes reach it even. The oxen are so few on the plains the-~~see~~ 200 we gave over in person to the mountaineers seem still in hand and could be made good use of in sowing. If experience counts when Govt. does loan even for seed it is mercilessly collected at very heavy rate of interest.

We set out and as near the beginning showed, that what little we can do does little to better matters & is only an effort to ward off actual death, though saving it is no proof of solution of the problem. Whatever we do in relief is in the pockets of such a source as the local Govt. supplies us, so they may not sus, not so into making contribution to the would-be revolutionists. Of course there is danger lest some of the money known to have reached the two parties be collected on tax account, but to forestall this we try to give in kind & not cash. Again thanking all Patrons, F.M. Cole, Missionary.

R. W. Cole

Bettie - Turkey Apr. 20 1906.

Rec'd JUN 4 1906

Butte, May 5/06

My Dr. Barton;-

Your two letters of dates March 10th & 20th at hand in course & gave us all much cheer, & probably Miss Ely may have sent on later, while I should have done so only for the grip this wretch has on Mrs. Cole & myself for these two weeks! We've been staggering about on our feet & even took a half hour's turn on horseback a few days this past few days, but poor Cole has gone so low as under its very anxious & on desperation I called in a consultation an Albuquerque doctor of the Sov. line; Dr. Sunder. Seemed to think

fairly well of him & he did
pretty well in helping carry
through typhoid one of our large
orphan boys - thus saving me
much responsibility. After
coming four times, he is not
coming more as she is so on
the uphill trend we hope danger
is past, with careful nursing.
But just getting out of grippe my-
self (for I was taken five days
sooner) I am far from working
order. I never had such head-
ache for a week in all my life,
tho I have had the grippe twice
before - once at Amherst & once
here in B. when Mr. Baird with
me for a time to help in relief
work, telegraphed Dr. Thomson from
Marsh to see me - Of course
Miss M. Ely will have reported
as to her sister's grippe, also.

Now as to our future we
feel we should not pass nex
winter here & so hope to le
late in July if not before.
Under my physician, who
medicine now & then by mai
also urges us not to hold ou
& he knows our health bill
of all. Poor Mrs. C. as I wri
coughs & raises so & is so
This is my fourth turn at co
this winter & we must not risk
As to the German attitude lon
B. we are in doubt, but it
as though they counted on ta
over all which we protest & s
Let them stand to this sta
as they do to Apl. & Van-no
Mr. Lohmann writes me "Y
walde a. O. 3. 4. 06 Many th
for your kind letters -- & warm
you are willing to give us th
our com^ee accepts gladly

Raynolds proposal, to undertake the work in Bitlis. We are willing to send a German worker who shall ~~take~~ have the management of the work in Bitlis -- We are awaiting the last decision from the American Board that it may give its full consent to this important work. Our station lay hold of that one family & missionary more you mitted would be called for if sent to Van & in your kind cheery report that you & the Prud com were convinced B. should be left up you indicated your determination to reinforce B. when the American missionary would naturally take the leading line & manage (with the aid Boards funds as in the past) but let Germans assist as in Van & manage what funds they brought in from their country. Of course here is the Board's hurdle what of that the Board & its missionaries should pay. Expense this year seems far & yet not equal to some days & must now look in a foreign Mrs. C. those means come from

Bitlis May 19th 1906

Dear Dr. James E. Barton D.D.

Your brief of the 18th ult. at hand this weekly post and gave us much cheer in that you announce "a male missionary" (of course with family) is searched out & sent Bitlis "at the earliest possible date"! & has just the right ring for us & already congratulations are coming in from near & far Dr. & Mrs Ren. Harris of Birmingham, Eng. being among the number. I am not sure whether we have written what a grip the grippe has had on Miss Ely, Mrs. Cole & myself for towards a month - though Mrs. C. came down 2 days later. There is much of the distemper in town & our Vali trying his hand at it among other things! managed to stagger about - not taking to the bed at all, did have such a splitting headache I had to wind a sort of long wooden clampers running up over each side that I had tightly drawn together with strings above. You had glanced at me with my hornlike projections rising up each side you might have wondered whether I was not a veritable suspect from the lower regions, or hence, a breachy steer with some sort of yoke to prevent breaking into some unforbidden territory! However, I am about over mine, as also the other but it has pulled dear Mrs. C. down so much of desperation I had in an Albanian doctor of the

Gov^t here in nature of advice for four times. She is so far improved she is walking about the house somewhat, and has such a good appetite we hope she will ere long get back some of the flesh she has lost this month. Her bad cough & so profuse expectoration gave me no little concern lest it had taken hold of her lungs. She doubtless would have had the pneumonia complication only for the vigorous treatment we gave her to mustard plasters, with sweating, & some other remedies. But all will be well that ends well, and we seem in a fair way to get back what health & strength we formerly had. But all things considered we have decided to hush hard to leave for home early late in July with the idea of passing the winter with our two sons in N.Y. City - setting up a sort of pied-à-terre home as best we can, though we shall be late for the season. This month of illness has thrown us back much in our work, and Mrs. C. is not able to write. I am taking half hour horse back rides & stand it pretty well. We thank you for your sympathy in your letter. Enclosed with this you will find a list of furniture that you might submit to the new man we much hope may be ready to start on so as to meet us, if not here, at least between this & Trebizond. If he (rather they for of course he will have a wife) will count on taking our things it should help him & us, too, in need of something from them & they are not likely to sell for any proper price here. We will find enough so they could set up at housekeeping, as we are doing for selves & daughter, as soon as he reached here, and would we might be here to welcome him & pass over the ruins of the work. This much for our to-days hasty all's well!

As ever R. M. Cole

House Furnishing of the Coles in Bitlis, Turkey.

2 French Bedsteads $10. / Large Lamp & Table Rochester burner display $3.		$ 13.00
12 Dining room chairs, our sitting room use $15. / Coffee mill 58 lbs	=	" 15.58
2 Large cane seat rocking chairs $5.00 — Two Bureaus in bedroom sets $10	=	15.00
2 Small oval tables in bedroom sets $2.50 — 2 Washstands with sets $6.50	=	9.00
1 Club foot walnut extension table $9.60 — / Hair mattress $12.00	=	21.60
1 First class writing desk, nearly new, with typewriter recess		" 17.60
1 Parlor clock $8.00 large pretty. / Kitchen clock rather large & pretty $6.00	=	14.00
1 "England" Cottage Pet" Five octave folding organ		" 25.00
2 Spring wire mattresses $14. / Folding bed Lounge $14	=	28.00
1 Large nice, Revolving Bk case, 4 shelves high as good as new		20.00
1 Small " " " 4 shelves high in knock-down form		6.00
1 Folding cutting table with Yard measure in edge of it		1.75
3 Good wash bowls $3.00 — / Letter & Copying Press $9.00		12.00
1 Good folding Screen $3.00 / Kitchen Stove, good baker, & pipe $20.75		23.75
1 Office small cast iron stove with pipe		2.00
1 Portable reservoir on kitchen stove, several folding & kitchen chairs old		0.00
2 New Boston bridles & extra hitch snap — one kitchen & extra leather halter		6.00
1 Sitting room plain table $5.75 6 Reseating chair bottoms outfit $1.20		6.95
6 Cans paint & several paint brushes $2.50 / 1 mirror $1.		3.50
1 Smith & Bourn saddle, Hartford, Ct. old cloth bridle &c		20.00
1 Plain writing table with two drawers $1.50 / Small kerosene stove 75 cts		2.25
		$ 262.98

This is our bill of things in America. We naturally should make half or large reduction on most of the things except our desk, Revolving Bk cases, new bridles &c. And if the new comer would kindly take most of them it would not cover more than only a third or less of his outfit allowance would help us veterans needful of it to set up some girl a home for the time in America. (over) R. M. Cole.

P.S. Many things, like wash tubs, water jugs, &c.
we get here, - and so one coming would hold
out some outfit allowance to spend on the grou
If one wishes tools - like wood saws, axes, hammers
bits, gimlets, &c. such are not found here. of much ab
one good tea kettle for stove $ 1.35

R.M.C.

Rec'd JUL 9 1906

Bitlis, June 12th 1906

Ans'd JUL 13 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Probably you are waiting thinking you may hear we have struck tents to "steal away" from Bitlis, but it is no easy nor quiet matter for us to do so, and must have written you how grippe & work (with less strength) are keeping us back so that we may not reach N.Y. before the early days of Sept. tho we should not be much later than that if we are to come on this season. We are getting out of la grippe tho Mrs. Cole is hardly herself yet, nor can I endure as much. If all goes well it is to be hoped the journey may improve us. But as the weeks go by it is obvious how hard it is going to be for the Ely sisters to be left here alone. Miss E. Ely was never one to meet weighty responsibilities, though, like Mrs. C, she is getting back strength after the grippe. It is such a pity, in my humble opinion, there is not one or better two young people here to stay thru up. Hence without fail & in good concert with the A.B.M. officers there should be at least one lady teacher booked to come out with the new missionary & wife we trust is not only in sight for B. but actually in hand while you are rubbing his ears pointing this way and saying "go quickly for Bitlis!" And do you know if I do not find myself singing "I wish I were again a child" I could almost wish I were if not a few years younger, at least could long for more

Dr. Barton needed for Bitlis. Mr. Cole needed to be here to help Dr. Barton. Dr. Barton needed home.

Mr. Cole

Miss Ely

of my pristine strength and endurance so I might be one of the many I trust are to be in demand to enter the rapidly opening field in the country to our north. Already I have had two letters in succession from Odessa friends to come over & help them, as they were holding a [illegible] of meetings of worship without let or hindrance. Not being able to respond I referred the letters to Dr. Barnum of Corsiple. Only that we are to be so late unless the overland to the coast at Fred^k proves too much for me, I should be inclined to locate Mrs. C. & Nellie with the Crawfords while I go up into several of R's cities in all of which I have old friends, as in Odessa & preach to them with audiences that seem free to gather now, the unsearchable riches of Christ. If we venture to hold on here for the winter we could go on early next spring so I could take a couple of months in that way. Please write me at Fred^k if you would indorse such a move on my part with some expense therewith, and if demand on me increased, my dear ones & I could hold on, perhaps, in nature of boarders with the Crawfords for some months this winter while I tour R. cities to look up old & make new friends with my ready tongue accustomed not a little to that Arabic, Armenian, & so I could preach Christ & him crucified instead of serving tables in relief work, &c., so much as done in Turkey. As you see by inclosing again we are in relief. The Harrises sending this £100 with hope that we should attend to it, and so we are doing. Of course it would come hard for my family & the dear little children looking forward so eagerly to a picnic home in N.Y. vicinity for a year so we be together once more. Yet the King's business in R. requires haste

Should Nail even through it called else all and children & family. Nastily &c. D.M. Bond

Seems to me and for my turning my back on my dear children

Rec'd JUL 9 1906 419

BITLIS, TURKEY, via Cons/ple, June 12/06

Dear Patrons of Bitlis & Moush Relief:-

Though weary & worn from pressure of duties accumulated during our nearly a month of la grippe, and now seeking to gather up the threads in hopes of leaving at least for a time of rest, we must try to dash off something in recognition of the great kindness of the friends still mindful of poor humanity about us. As in our last Circular we now make no appeal for funds realizing Patrons are tired of the demand ever made for these poor Armenians when there is so little hope of its cessation. But perceiving how much of suffering there was from hunger, nakedness & general exposure beginning right in this city but very much worse in the villages, we could not shut up our bowels of compassion, and so set about seeing just what we could do. If we could do no more the plea came for salt to mix with greens upon which they were trying to subsist with a slight admixture of bread made up of a little millet flour but more of roots & bulbs of a kind of grass or weed called khando. Of course we must listen to such a humble plea & at once set about supplying this savory admixture for their good greens the unusually abundant rains have brought forward in plentiful measure. Ere many days had passed we had dealt out 8600 lbs. to some 2,000 persons in 25 villages ranging in location in a few cases almost at extreme southern & northern points of our so poverty-stricken vilayet (state). Some of this was distributed by agents we were encouraged to send out two days to our south-eastward to give out some millet seed in view of announcement of our Mr. Peet of 50 Liras ($220) for the object. In most cases the poor villagers, so disconsolate looking, illclad & hungry, came to us & carried away m their allowances so we had no expense for transport save a little for bread.

From such harrowing reports & visages as came in upon us what could we do but send out agents to try to ascertain the truth & give out a few hundred measures of millet for seed, if the poor ones could keep soul & body together on their so black, most uninviting looking edibles. We purchased over 500 godes (measure of 34lbs.) most of it at 7pias. the whole cost about $160.

In canvassing the eight villages of that Tadig province to make up list preparatory to distributing the nearly 500 godes of our purchase on the ground, in three cases, chiefs of villages-priest, council, etc., signed papers that 12 had starved-even a Kourdish guard being among the seals on the paper. But holding firmly to our purpose we still gave out the millet under name of seed, fully conscious, however, some of it would be eaten to save life!

We are encouraged this very post by the so kind remittal of our dear friends & patrons of our orphans & relief Dr. & Mrs. Rendel Harris, of Birmingham, England to the amount of 100 Eng. pounds-$481.80, as reported from Cons/ple. Though it is stated to be for other regions than the above we are sure our friends will back us up in using our judgment by holding half of it for still greater need this way-partly as we happen to know a similar Amt. has come to those regions very recently. It is not too late to give out still more millet seed-the poor man's food supply that ubiqutous harpies are not so eager to whisk away from them, while the harvest of the same comes in some 3 months. This much as our "All's well" for this continuous sympathy for humanity about us; and whatever the future for us personally you will not forget this so needy field & people in the hope that help in men as well as means may be our good fortune at no distant day. Most gratefully yours,

R.M.COLE.

Bitlis, Turkey.
June 12 1916.

BITLIS, TURKEY, Via Cons/ple, June 30/06

Rec'd JUL 30 1906

Our dear Friends:-

Late in the season & with no prospect of a Mission meeting this year also, each Station may be expected to send along some word of cheer in the Field for the past year; but for Bitlis dwelling so much in the valley of indecision these late months & with reduced strength & trying environments, this year ought, perhaps, to be an exception-more especially as we have sought to bring matters into such condition we might withdraw from such a hard post for a rest & change. But while we do linger naturally we seek to to do what we can & so we pass on a few crumbs for results of the year.

MISSIONARY FORCE tho not increased in number has had for the twelve months better health, thank God! than might have been feared from physical mishap to certain of our number; while for a month la grippe took rather a serious grip on three of us, but thanks to a kind Providence, amid it all we have not been forced to call on some of the many doctors in other stations to come over & help us professionally. But we have kept calling for some of the brethren to pass over & relieve us at least for a time, but we are pained to say that no one has heeded it, albeit conditions were just as favorable for them to do so as they were for the writer when he volunteered in 1884. None can realize as do we of the station & our Dr. Underwood so recently with us - knowing us altogether, the risk some of us incur in trying to hold on; nor can they see as do we how very hard for us & crushing for them, under conditions, should we do just what the Mission vote & Boston action authorize us to do-leave these so devoted, faithful but weary & worn Ely sisters to tread the winepress alone when from health & years, like us, they should should have more help & less work as well as responsibility. This for our last appeal to the gallantry of our colleagues in the land & to Boston.

NATIVE AGENCY in the preaching of the gospel goes forward apace, and added to our two ordained pastors, one at Bilis & one at Moush, two of our High Sch. boys are just returning from completing the theological course at Hpt. in the Sem'y ready to also preach the gospel, only they were not licensed by the friends there, from reports of natives, tho Ministerial Asso. is large there. As that is our Mission Sem'y we had supposed students, if all right, would be licensed there where their fitness to preach should be better known.

That our work in all its departments goes forward amid many obstacles with such terrible poverty & depressing conditions on every hand is evident. The poor people in utter discouragement are fleeing the country, if they can, at whatever risk, in hopes of better conditions elsewhere but with the result that our Bitlis Sab. audience is so much reduced that were our near 200 pupils & teachers to withdraw the chapel would be far from full. Hitherto the emigration fever has not struck so hard in the villages, but is beginning to spread there of late too & is about as prevalent among Armenians as Prots.

EDUCATION moves heavily so far as selfsupport goes, owing to such keen povety. Few can longer pay for education of their children, While in the villages if we can secure the commonest board for the teacher we think a point is gained, especially if they do not harrow our feeling by showing up demand for a little help to keep the wolf from the door, to supply books for Sch. etc.

It is a comfort,however,to see that villagers as well as denizens of town feel all the more the need of education as the years go by and would pay for it were they able, for having friends abroad they are being rebuked for not seeking an education to fit them for life rather than being like dumb beasts.

Tho obstructions for Aghagh & Dzughag of Akhlat schools continues thereby practically holding them closed for the past winter,yet as a good Providence arranged it we had just the same number of Schs.taught by two of our graduates right up in the heart of Sassoun-the teachers'own region-they being two of our orphan boys. Even the officers of the new barracks there were so attentive to them & kind they urged the villagers to send their childre to school so they be not like wild beast;may this not point to reform there!

There has been an increase in number of pupils at Moush city,both of boys & girls,as well as in some of the nine villages occupied the past winter. We shall graduate five more boys late in the season-thus rounding out 25 of such in this department while a somewhat smaller number have completed their course in weaving,shoemaking,tailoring,etc.-the most of them being orphans. and this has been since we began to take in the orphans for care in 1895. Several of our graduates are in foreign parts,while two others-one of the Industrial department-in attempting a"skip"to the nothward last year were killed outright,from all we can learn! of course their friends bewail their death, but desperation from conditions still leads many to risk it!

In closing this hasty review of the past twelve months since our Mission meeting at Van it seems appropriate for us to refer to our work for orphans and the poor that'we have always with us'-though by frequent circulars on these subjects during the year many of our friends have been more or less informed,which leaves little demand for lengthy detail here. Added to our factory for weaving,tailoring,shoemaking,etc.we are much in need of help to set running a farming department on the fields already in our possession. In view of all these onerous duties to be carried in addition to ordinary missionary work it is easy to see the great demand for younger workers at this so important post & hence we would reiterate with special emphasis the the great need of having the new reinforcement assured by Boston on the ground just as soon as possible. Meanwhile our eyes are out also for the Germans we have been assured were to come here and help carry the work,as in Van & Harpoot-all come early to take over the work ere some of us fail in bearing these so weighty responsibilities. May the Lord lead in it all!

The demand for relief work seems never to cease these later years here. Some have almost felt to blame us Missionaries for carrying such work as if it might prejudice officials against us; but with proper caution we have not usually found it so. Of course the authorities are afraid funds may reach agitators'hands to serve as weapons against it naturally they must be alert to head it off, but when they see us giving out oxen,plows,seed,etc.they must be blind indeed not to see it is for the interest of Govt.to have a harvest we are still giving out at the hands of our employees millet for seed and some of the money for it was sent on the condition that'if we could see that it was faithfully administered,etc.they would send on for us to help a little with so much poverty what can be hoped for from actual book sales-less than $100 worth,tho people are more eager than usual to read the Bible,and more than all,perhaps,in the prison. This much for our call out over these Taurus mountains as a signal of good cheer.

On part of Station, R.M.Cole.

Annual return of the Opole

Bitlis-Turkey June 30-1906.

of Mr. Coles Rittis Circular of June 30/06.

RECD JUL 30 1906

2nd On Saty P.M. of the 30th ult. came in
us all unannounced from Moul Maidin &
ay one Kurt Jung Delegui Commercial to Empire
and", as per his visiting card handed us some time
e had met and had found out one another!
As he seemed to prefer tent life we found him a place
ide the wall from our Prot. Compound premises,
have him as guest at our tables most of the time.
He is a pleasant, courtly man of 37 years the looking
ger; but he has no language of the country though
to a fair knowledge of the French but less English.
Levantine dragoman, a German from Constple (now
ng, unfortunately) has the Turkish language.
ing attended service with us at our Prot. Church
b., but says it is the first time he has done so these
months he has been traveling in Anatolia -
nably he not happening to be so near missiona-
the Sob at Aleppo, Aintab, Ourfa, Maidin, &c
make it convenient for him to attend.
h a military personage & holding the rank of
he is at present attaché to the German Embassy
nstple, though at home he belongs to the second
ent of the Emperor William's ten special ones of honor
is now ordered on by his Emperor", as he told
rphan boys on Sunday P.M. for this mission as
ing to Commerce & "economies", as he put

it in talking with me, but just how much covered by such nomenclature people are in doubt, more especially on seeing the simple makes on officials, as he brings out his form able firman from head quarters, tells how the Dale knows all about his mission, how promptly he invites said German in for dinner - showing every honor as compared with that dealt out to Cons May it prove that this visit of such a personage far from being lofty & proud in appearance, has a good influence upon questions at issue over here He receives and sends cipher telegrams & paid the post office people some 80 pias. on postage, &c. the first time after reaching here, though none of his post had been ordered here but to Diar bekir, since to visit this City was a diversion from his official programme. Leaving before daylight this morning (July 3d) he made a dash out & up to have a look down into that wonderful old Nimroud crater & to get a view of Van Lake and is back soon after noon ready to take a bite at our table, tho he's invited out again this evening He could be a good 12 hours fu a caravan to go up to Nimroud & back this way. But he is a military man that makes nothing of living in the saddle and making 12 hours or more a day. - Meanwhile our ~~Eng~~ British official is just back from Erzrum mouth where he had tremendous eye openers as to a

Rec'd JUL 30 1906

Bitlis, July 3/06

Our dear Dr. Barton; -

Perhaps it is near enough to the glorious 4th so we ought to Hip-hip-hurrah! so far as independence goes; but as you have not written us "Behold the man" that is here - we can hardly crack our heels together. Who, where & when to come to us are the vital questions we know not what to do - for all the risk to us. I send on six pictures of a circular, what may possibly be of use to you in matter of report, though I could have stated ten additions by profession to churches - that here with its branches & there one at Mardin with its branches. Mr. Post doubtless will tell you of the distinguished guest we have here on a "Mission - Commercial & Economic" as he says. We shall see what may come of it. Our students just back from Sept. report Rev. Mr. Ohanian the Sept. German chief is detained there from coming this way tho' this gentleman reaches Erzerum I will not affect you with more of a dark line, tho' promise her figures for next time all of which we beg for your consideration. We were hoping you would telegraph us some

might plan more intelligently when you found the man. Only the other day Mr. Higgins Sel. from near your elbow seemed to reach us in only a day, forward $105.00 for a family who wishing to join the husband & father in Fresno, and how nice if you might have put on a side, as I sometimes do on mine to Mr. Peet, "new man should starting" or some such words.

Pass no more time now. All are about usual health & busy as ever.

Sincerely Yours

R. M. Cole

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R. M. Cole

July 2-1906.

Rec'd AUG 13 1906

Dear Dr. Barton; — Bitlis, July 17/06

Only a few lines to go with the figures I referred to last week. For some reason no appropriation for the Genl. work for this year have come to hand. So we are in blissful ignorance as to whether or not you made a slash on them; & so we made out June Semi-Ann. on line of our estimate submitted at our meeting last year. We notice Treb'd has been cut down so the Pastor there is leaving.

We hear nothing from you as to new recruits for Bitlis, tho farewell meetings have come for persons going to other missions. Owing to conditions & seeing how tearfully even the Ely sisters listen to any words looking to our leaving this year it almost looks as tho we should take the risk to health, if not life even, by holding on perhaps till the early spring in hopes your new man may hasten on even tho it be late — could come via Africa even late as Jan. as we did last time (on 3 d Jan.) arriving. Owing to the doubt of our getting away there is hope that you surely will have the new family here, we are laying in usual supply of fuel, hay, charcoal, potatoes, &c as to leave them till late makes the price much dearer.

I have made up Estimates for 1907 on the 18% rule, as stated Clerk informed us was to be done, tho in some communication of yours you spoke as tho it was to be less per the absurd proposition of our Town meeting whose not a few things were rather absurd if I was in it! Somehow certain seem to think we were sure to get so much more for the aggregate of course B's 14% would be even more than the old 18%, but for all I protested it went thro and with what results you know full well.

I enclose a slip thus with three others come up from the Constable Office in separate envelope & its letter postage when it might just as well come in others from same place. all of which might have come under one postage & half as many envelopes. You see a new dict. again counts as missionary. I speak of it because we have for years been trying to shake off nearly £.7.85.00 on our Sch Dept heavy debt as our Bal. Sheet to Trus. Higgin shows, but for all our protests Mr. Peel does not carry it thro with that Pub. Com^ee at Co. Of the books £.7.45.66 unauthorized old books that cannot come into circulation + £.7.33.16 lost in the fire. We do not feel pleasant at hoarding these rotting books as if were the ashes of others rest on us when they are should be struck off. Ginn in Boston Jerauld & Sadoc 27 Beach St. are publishing dicts at half the price & nice books. We will try to have ordered by Ms. Yet our debt is set aside to furnish such books as this. Said no time to say more & perhaps had better not said this much only that economy pressed me on!

July 17-1906

Rev. R. M. Cole
Bitlis, Turkey. Aug. 4. 1906

Bitlis, Aug. 4/06

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Dear Dr. Barton; -

Your kind letter of the 30th June came by last post & gave us a great shock. And so our good Dr. Smith has "passed over the border" - following so very soon his loved one gone on before. We had heard of the poor health of the afflicted & overworked, and that he was to see away for a rest & fresh, but little thought it to be so serious.

Would not only extend our deep sympathy to you at those Rooms to members of his so sorely afflicted should you think it would long when you may meet them. I was not much older than I consider myself equal to considerable work yet under easier conditions & where I might not have

to risk horseback riding
It is thus members in Gods
may fall out of the ranks
earth to take position up hi
in the "better Country" but how
miss them down here & hi
much heavier duties must
upon you faithful workers the
The dear Lord give you all
equal to your day & extra du
Workers fall off but God's co
is sure to go forward in His
time and way.

This day have Dr. Post &
from Beyrout Syria, reached
via Harpoot & Diarbekir. He
guests for a day at their home
24 years ago - The father as you
must know is a most able phy
& Christian worker of 67 years, lon
journey. This last written has been
for him so he will rest with us
days before passing on to him. The Lord

Rec'd SEP 4 1906

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constple
August 7/06

Ans'd SEP 5 1906

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton; -

Though I have not written you much of yet enough has gone to keep you somewhat posted as to our movements - rather lack of them you may say, since you see we have not yet "risen from Bitlis" A combination of circumstances seem warring against our leaving this year and we not be found fighting against the Lord's will. We had so decided & arranged that our periodicals & some letters already pursue other addresses even to one from Mr. Hoerner in your building. Hence we seem in danger of being left on dry ground in correspondence, &c. as Henry Ward Beecher once hinted as to Princeton theol. and that place would be safe in case of another flood! Already two letters have been forwards us from Eur that our daughters of Oberlin that might find us that far on our way. We have been hoping you might telegraph "Reinforcement was coming" & when it would facilitate our forming plans. We have never had so many foreign guests a summer in Bitlis - seven Germans, Eng. & Americans in a month, the present two being Dr. George Post of Syria (Beyrout) & his son of Constple (Robert College) also a doctor & Prof of Biology in R. institution.

Pleasant as it is to have these guests yet it puts back our work & preparation, - all the more so that Dr. Post Sen. is quite ill, and is being delayed here while the Eckys are at Camp Zone as Miss M. E. goes & comes, while we are holding on in town, I really do not see how we are to leave them & things as they are this year, but shall plan for the early Spring. Tears come to the front whenever our going is spoken with the Eckys. But whenever the day of departure is fixed I shall telegraph Mr. Peet who will inform you at the Rooms by letter & perhaps you would our daughters at Oberlin Alice N. & Mary E. or our son N. Frank Cole 700 Park Ave. Union Theol. Sem. Von Kurt Jung of German Embassy Consular claiming to be sent by his Emperor for commercial inspection, but from strong proofs he had in hand & honor shown him by officials many thought he might be spying out the country for other objects, - "All's well that ends well" say we all of us! Dr. N. S. Barnum Ed. Aud. was here a week part of time at camp with the Eckys. Mr. Ehman of Hdt. was here four days & gave us a stirring sermon in chapel, Sunday, in Armenian. We are urging him, of 9 yrs. experience at Hdt. & more Four Style of theology to come here. It seems to me as I hinted once before, that Mr. Carey is not the man for that Hdt. theol. chair in the regions at the present time. Our two boys out from under his hands, arrived with us some weeks back & we think of ordaining the more experienced one as traveling evangelist for the field when Dr. Raynolds & the Germans come from Van in a few days - but dislike discussion here. Yours of May 15th as to Gov't obstruction to Schs. & our transport to Wash. should we make thus our headquarters, arrived in due course. Excuse only this hasty leaflet. As ever R. M. Cole

Dear Dr Barton

Sept. 10/86

There seems to have been some correspondence of late, perhaps some of yours going to one other points supposed to head us off on our march inland this season, as happens with some other letters. Yet have been better informed & have probably in that there was much doubt if we could get away till spring. It is so late now we have about given up all hope can leave this season, for reason I have referred to more than once. We had hope you will be able, perhaps, to telegraph us when the new man was to leave with family, but such fortunate news reaches us yet & could we other approaches to, as I have before written, they could come via Syrion as late as Jan. as did we last time, and it was so hot Alexandria in Dec. that ladies used their sun umbrellas then. I will by enclosures how I am touching up students Princeton, if you should think best to look that way. In in August Herald among appointees is a Mr. A. Stamb who seems not designated for anywhere. Why not come to Bitlis? Our daughter here Nellie A. was with in the Senior class Oberlin College in recitations twice a week & asks of him as an earnest, faithful worker. With so many appointees we hardly see why no one is pointed for Bitlis, and I think it makes the poor Elys, almost the breakingdown list, begin to feel no man is coming B. for all your former assurances, and so the B. pastor

seems to feel & express himself. What facts are you to put into our hands at a near day to counteract this?
Later. 11th Just now comes in by our weekly post your kind letters of July 10th directed c/o Dr. Crawford & Aug. 16th to Bitlis direct & which has made fair time you see. Yes, Mrs. C. & I seem fairly well over our turn at grip, though feared at one time memory would be effected from such terrible head ache but we seem about as usual. Thanks you for all your kind sympathy for us under the circumstances and we believe you are doing what you can to re-inforce us. Still it is hard to realize our children feel this fact as do we, if indeed they ever do when we see notice, photos &c. of new recruits! Pray the Lord of missions lead & hasten on this matter also!
Thanks also for your kind offer & interest as to visiting Europe on business for work of the Lord in Russia among old friends & foes. Though by passing the winter it will not be in season to report for your Jan. meeting of the Secretaries yet in the early spring we think strongly of going via Van & Bayazid & Russia to the Black Sea, when it would require only a short days horse-back ride to the lake where possibly Dr. Nesbens or a sailboat could take us across to Van whence it is only four days more by phaeton on to the Ry. station in Russia near Mt. Ararat. Miss McLaren was only ten days from Van to Tiflis that way. If Russian conditions improve & we could get papers vised for this route by our Russian consul here (which the Drs. Post could not a few weeks ago) it should be much less risk to me than the so long horseback ride on via Erzroum & Trebizond, and in this way I could stop over at Etchmiadzin to see people there & at Samaghar 40 minutes this side, where are old friends & possibly I come by rail down from Tiflis to Kars & two hours on towards Erzroum in both of which places we have friends, as also at Sumri (Alexandropol) & Nenligan if they have not all died during these well on to 25 Years lapse of time). M. M. Old friends have written me also from Odessa to "come over & help them", but from the present outlook I fear Russia is not to settle down into such quietude as to warrant Societies going into much work, for the poor Czar is too much under the influence of the aristocracy which means clerical influence ever determined to crush out religious liberty thus the land to come may see a heavy loss, Lord's will be done. Enclosed please find our words of agreement with the sermons that may seem like patchwork as we clung to what you sent on but felt local conditions called for more. Mrs. S. P. Knapp writes the Sys from the thus Mr. Ellinan said he was not to take up work in Mosul but there must be some misunderstanding since Patty Johnson did not talk so here & he has seen this bro. in Germany Chairman. Next

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BITLIS AMERICAN MISSION.

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constantinople
Sept. 10th, 1906.

Rev. Chas. M. Eames, Cor Y.M.C.Association,
Princeton Theol. Sem'y, 46 Alexander Hall,

Dear Young Bro. in Christ's Army:-

Your kind favor of July 21st came to hand in due course, and I had hoped to answer it sooner, not simply to be sure of the prayer-day so you might the better focus your eyes on us & the Lord's work here in your upward glance Dec. 16th, but that you might endeavor, yea do something tangible for results before that by way of volunteering for poor Bitlis & the Coles in particular. One of our Turkey blind tho devout Prot. beggars was asked to lead in prayer before the contribution was taken for God's cause. He pushed towards the front groping his way in search for the contribution box saying "Let me cast my mite into the Lord's treasury, then I can pray, and he did with heavenly unction. Pray for us by all means, but do give us a lift at the wheel by personal service from one of your number at this so important post! Let him say "Here am I send ME!" Let him call up his preparedness for multitudinous duties here, not only in preaching & teaching, but in keeping accounts for no small amt. of "filthy lucre" that has to be handled during the year, having charge of schools & our orphanage work with its branch of industrial work; and betimes he will bestride some "equestro-automobile" to compass this parish with about as many square miles as your New Jersey with my native state, New Hampshire, thrown in to even up. Tho for a population we have about 400,000- about one-third being Armenian, and the others Kourds largely, while we have for Prot. adherents from the 's about 1,400, two high Schs. for boys & girls in Bitlis city of over 30,000 inhabitants, one-third being Armenians; two churches in B. and Moush city also with branches in a dozen villages where we have Schs. winters only usually. For pupils over 500 all told, over 200 church members & some $600 contributions from natives. "The poor we have always with us" these late trying times so selfsupport is not what we could wish. This land, however, must have a better future, for did not King Immanuel pour down His blood over here & so redeem it to Himself in a peculiar manner & I believe His eye is upon it.

This for my hasty message, young brethren, that you may term a call "to come over & help us" which you will do in no small measure by prayer at least. But how little I have said to interest young men- I of 67 years, tho scaling those so impassable Mts. of Sassoun to distribute 230 oxen & 100 plows to so poor a people only last year, while in '85 I was in the province 4 months at rebuilding the poor ones houses destroyed in the first massacre. But 38 years more in the land is enough for the veteran, now let younger men have the honor in such a post. Warm greetings---to whom? for all are strangers. Where my old teachers Drs. Charles Hodge & son Caspar, as also Dr. McGill; and Dr. Green whose familiar face with sketch I saw in London Christian a few years ago- they are all gone so far as I know- gone up higher- promoted in the ranks. God Would we all might be as worthy when our turn comes! God bless their successors with all their pupils! We rejoice in the good missionary spirit your leaflet before me indicates. Our prayers go up for you all.

Fraternally yours, R. M. Cole

Rev. Chas. M. Eames

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Princeton, N. J., July 21 '06

Rev. R. McCole -

Dear Brother -

On the other side of this sheet you will find a brief account of what the Y. M. C. A has done during the past year, and we trust that this bit of news will bring you in touch with Princeton.

There are one or two things which we would ask of you. - the first is may your answer be returned before Dec 16, '06 in order that it may be read in the meeting held on the 16th.

Will you make your letter from 3 to 5 minutes long with news from the field, for we face always anxious to know all about it. Also that in your letter may there be a request for prayer that it may be an incentive to the daily praying on this side of the water.

~~With~~ A prayer that God may bless you in your field, and give you many souls we wait for your reply.

Please send to

Chas. M. Eames
46 Alexander St -
P- N. J.

July 21 '06.

The Y. M. C. A. has had a most successful year. Officers and committees have been very diligent. The missionary committee reports that students are enrolled in mission study classes. New volumes have been added to the mission library which now numbers 230 vols.

The year's classes have other approved books have been added not to mention those who have signed volunteer cards. The committee reports that the missionary spirit has been very strong during the past year. Our Princeton martyr, J. H. Neale, being prepared. It will cost $350.00 and and other Princeton workers

placed in Stuart Hall. The Y. M. C. A. addresses this year have been exceptionally good. Among the speakers were John R. Mott, Dr. McAfee, Lloyd Lanhorne, Andrew Wilson, H. [illegible], John Willis Baer, Robt. E. Speer, Donald Fraser, Mr. Sheppard. The missionary contribution this year was $[illegible] contrasted with $100.00 the year before. $200.00 of this was for home missions.

The N. J. legislature has been asked for $30,000 appropriation for a Washington monument to be erected at the corner of Nassau and Mercer St. There were 600 seminary fellowships have been awarded in Apologetics, Syst. Theology, Ecc. History, Pastor of the Presbyterian church is Rev. V. W. Peet of the Second church is Rev. A. V. Campbell. Construction of the [illegible] gymnasium at the [illegible] is nearly finished. Recitation Hall is also in course of construction.

Rec'd OCT 2 1906
Ans'd FEB 20 1907

Bitlis, Turkey, via Constple
Sept. 25/06

Dear Dr. Barton; —

Seems to me Mrs. Cole has referred to your kind letters of July 10th & Dr. Crawford & Aug. 16th to us at Bitlis, & possibly I have done so tho they are not so indicated. We thank you much for your kind sympathy & caution as to our holding on for the winter. Just here I recall that I must have sent you a letter or note at least in view of your kind proposal as to what we might do for you in Russia & I suggested we might pass via Bayazid or via Russia in the spring. If you could have such backing as we should for American interests, rights, schs. &c. at Constple we could bring things into different condition; but if no more is done there than is likely

under the lead of Mr. Peet I hear this done £.G. 3,000.00 worth of this Board's property largely will stand a poor show done for this small and we have succeeded with here at Sea.

I have written to Mr. Higgin to send on £.G. ~~300.00~~ 200.00 Sent £.J. 200 Sept 9 off our orphanage fund he has put out at interest, I have before spoken of how much help our Nellie A. is to us beginning at once with glib Armenian, you know also of her $100.00 loss on trunk & since then a $6.00 spectacles lost in the post, and yet she has for all this time, had no salary. I was wondering if Mrs & Treas. Higgin could not take it up & perhaps have back the interest at least on this fund: & perhaps more to help on her losses as well, as our half expense coming out from country in the Spring. All other such assistants for orphans &c. have had salary &c. you know, and you have spoken as though she should have consideration from the fund, Hastily, & R.

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Oct 27-1906

Hon. J.L.Leishman,

American Ambassador to the Porte, Cons/ple,

Hon. Sir:-

Though our wee segment of a Colony of your subjects here at Bitlis, have not been in frequent communication with your and the consul's Offices at the capital these later times, but we have sent occasional missives at the hands of friends at the Bible House, for prudent reason, as was thought, and we hope they have been forwarded for all we are never informed of such.

But to make sure doubly so this time I am tempted to write your Honor direct, and on part of us Americans, offering our sincere congratulations, though they may seem late, for the so timely promotion from Legation to Embassy, from Minister to Ambassador, which is as it should been long ago. And be assured, as we read in late Levant Herald of the special honor shown you and your attendants in the late interview with his Majesty, the Sultan, we felt no little satisfaction, and could but say to ourselves May this not indicate more hope for the future of the work you officials, and others of us Americans in our lines, have in this darkened land.

If Mr.Peet has passed on to your Offices a tithe of what we have written him as to obstructions our American schools, as we term them, since they are taught by our paid agents & in our buildingsalbeit held in name of natives in old protocol time, in many cases & not allowing it to be changed to foreigners'names these later times, though a few years ago we did succeed in certain ones;

If Mr.P.may have spoken of the recent persistency of sub-officials especially against our property rights when we pointed them to several pieces of property passed to Americans'names in the past. From pretty liberal use of money in your city a lawyer, under Mr.P's

direction, at last secured an order that a "church lot"should be turned over to my name with the proviso that probably I should be asked to sign a paper that I would not build a church or school on it"without permit from Government," which of course we should follow in any case. But here they demanded that I sign a paper to the effect that I would build no church,school,or community structure on said lot & accepted no clause"without Govt.permit" thus crowding out all rights. There are other similarly exasperating cases of failure of our property rights where natives would be freed of the ostensible ownership of it so they might,if need be,take out ex-patriation papers for themselves, while we wish matters cleared away also so we may see our Society's property in safer condition ere we leave for America.

Probably Mr.P.may have spoken of how the Inspector of schools persists in not certifying our High school diplomas,though he was present at our last graduation & gave them to the boys himself,and though his predecessors have certified to such in the past:

I say if Mr.Peet shall have spoken of these matters to you officials you will readily see the embarrassment we are in & how we must long for some such rights as missionaries from other countries enjoy.

But H.B.M's acting vice-consul, Arthur B.Ceary Esq.has just left for England & purposes calling on you for a talk on these matters. He,by the way, like his predecessors, has been kind in looking after American interests just so far as he seemed backed at your Offices, and we would take occasion here to speak of his kind offices in this respect trusting his successor here,when he arrives,may have evnn stronger backing considering the higher office your Hon.now holds. As a little colony we are grateful to H.B.Majesty's Govt.for favors.

I may send copy of the paper exacted from me on said lot to Mr.P. with translation to your Excellency that you may see how different is the current of things with officials up here from what they appear to lawyers,etc.,down at your city. I have also told Mr.P.how said Sch. Inspector refuses to certify the diplomas & yet tells the teachers their Schs. will be closed if they are not, and that Schs.of near 40 years age will be closed if an order is not secured, whereas it has been written us from the Bible House that Schs.opened previous to 1880 were considered firmanli.

With sincere greetings from our Colony,

Bitlis, Oct.27th, 1906. Yours most respectfully, R. M. Cole

Copy - R. M. Cole to

Mr. Leishman

Bitlis Turkey. Oct. 27 - 1906.

Confidential -

Bitis Nov. 13/06

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton, -

Though we were favored with the reading of yours by last post to the Elys we looked in vain with much hope as to the new man for Bitis, and every day we may watch for the cablegram assuring us he is actually such a personage found; and if what we hear in a footnote from Dr. Crawford be true as to the glorious meeting at the Haystack, &c., it would seem there is no lack in funds, Bless God!

But more of this & other things when we have our German friends with us, though per Mr. Dobbeler's letter they might be expected here day after to-morrow truly that he said he would telegraph us from Apl. but no message comes yet. Possibly they are coming via Mossel rather than the southern way & we may get the message from there as near to us & more definite than Apl.

Perhaps in my last confidential I spoke of the Lapitons & questioned whether hail & hearty as they are they should leave at the tick of the clock as if time for their furlough was clear up, when Bitis & even Em were to be so weak. I intended in that to make reference to Miss Koot, but think I forget it. The last post brought on Mr. S's drown up vote as to her return there. Though Dr. U. seems to have given the impression in the first he should not sign her vote I see he sits, Mr. & Mrs. S. have but Miss Bushnell's name is not on the paper!

Of course Dr. H. was in a hard place & so are we all when a station starts up a vote this way. But we at B. are delaying the vote to learn from Em why Miss Bushnell did not sign for one as a single lady supposed to be her associate in some sense. Miss B. is not one to give trouble, seems to me, but to our minds Miss Cool is a dangerous one to have in a circle anywhere. Never among the workers have been seen, so far as I know, two that could not to some money & stock observations of others, take a trip as far as Grebel together but she & Miss Lord were thus too paragons! But if it were simply Miss B. why should not Miss L. hold on at least a year longer, since her associate proper Miss B. was soon to arrive, & Miss B. was not to be there. It was evident Miss L. did not take to Mr. S. and I saw the hang of things when I was there to take our daughter Mary B. on & who had a pleasant trip on with Miss L. to America. It was in view of some such things & when then some of the leading Eng people were pouring their words into my ears as to Mr. S. so far as I would listen, that I felt perhaps Mr. S. had better change to some other place. Still he seems to have gained ground lately we judge & he and Miss B. obviously are warm friends & she pushes him on not a little, as was seen in the question of asking for more on sale at van meeting the others of us put it off. Still our time here is too short for me to try to cast my influence over much in such matters, only I will say that much if I sign the Cool vote at all it will have to be after Miss B. has done so or explained, & likely the Eng will do the same But you at B. can regulate such matters a little probably for all votes and considering how these two stations are to be manned thus the so might delay their furlough a year tho I would not have the hint come as from me. Hope to have the 3 with us soon.

Hastily, &c.

R. M. Cole

arently still halting between two opinion - shall
shall I not go to such an outlandish place as Bitlis,
are watching for your ~~telegram~~ cablegram telling
family in June or July, as the case may have to be,
you cannot say January - booking via Syria, as
we suggested since we veterans came that may
ly the last time not reaching here till Jan. 3rd
it come or not as the case may be I think you
count on our pushing out in June if not before
sibly much earlier if we found we could take
riage at Diarbekir with fair comfort for him
should not risk much more horseback riding,
the heavy strain of work at this heavy post longer.
Elys say they just cannot carry the Treasury
, and of course it would be too much for them.
I have thought of this & suggested it to them.
would not be so hard for them to carry cash a/c
lies Miss Shattuck at Ourfa, & then such a
n as Mr. Stapleton could come here say twice for
ear (if the missionary you hunt for does not arrive)
gather up, post & make ready semi annual accts -
course Mr. S. would not like it if he knew I made such
ggestion, but what is to be done, he can put off his
to America since he & family are here, and it
d hardly seem feasible for you to supply the mon
y. Yarrow has little experience in such lines, while
R. could hardly leave nor could Dr. A. with hospital
much for my suggestions in this great haste.
All in usual health. The Dobbelers to be here middle
Nov. per their letter 19 days from Mosul. Hastily, &c. R. M. Cole

Confidential

Bitlis, Oct. 30/06

Dear Dr. Barton; -

Though I cannot write much under such as I am most of the time, but I can pass along "All's well" for our part of the ship! what you may be interested in glancing a copy of what I send our new ambassador this week, and of making it out as if repeating what had been written to Mr. Peet on Sch. & property question.

But I want especially to pass along that our German worker, Mr. Benno v Dobbeler, reports himself from Marash - 25 days ago in a tel saying "he will be at Bitlis this winter", and yesterday came his pleasant letter put up in very good English, showing a good spirit it did. He has about to be married to a German lady who has done two years in work for orphans at, over in Persia, 2 days from Bayazid, and now for 6 years in the same kind of work at Constpl & she knows Armenian & Turkish we hear. He asks to have me secure rooms for him & make some preparation, which I have already set under way, per request of chairman of the Committee in Germany. I was especially pleased with this sentence "I am glad to come to such an important place" (as Moush)" and I hope to have your help & assistance the first half of which as showing the importance of the field & the gladness he felt at coming here (for he was to be near us for some months before moving to Moush, you might pass along to some young man who is

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Ans'd JAN 25 1907

Our dear Friends:- BITLIS, Dec.3d, 1906.

This season has been a record-breaker in foreign guests for this city. Following upon Prof.Mann's departure for Jezireh at the So. with the plan of veering round via Mosul to Persia again for another sojourn there in his "linguistic researches" there came into town Capt.& Mrs. Sykes from Erz.way via Moush & eastern part of rough Sassoun whence he had hope of reaching Bitlis through our unexplored Motki, but they missed the way. A plucky little mother she three years from marriage to have left behind even with her mother her two children. From here they made for Van whence they were to swing round through those so inhospitable Kourdish Mts.at our south-going along the Bohtan river probably to report at Mardin, Ourfa, etc. but we have no news of them, tho trust they will have fared better than did Lord Pearcy & nephew years ago in those regions, as was reported to us then. Like the Prof.he, too, was studying up with regard to the Kourds, and plans turning off this his third book based on as many trips he has made through the regions. Their wealth & good arrangement with the Embassy, whose honorary attaché he is, kept them in good touch with home friends-the anxious mother having telegrams all along the line as to how it was faring with the bairns.

On the 25th Ult., no, Oct.25th, H.B.M.acting Vice consul, A.B.Geary Esq.our rare singer & social adjunct, started on his home visit to London-this consulate thus being left vacant for the winter, save as a dragoman in "in charge". It is a pity to have the place thus left at this time, tho as the "Bear" has his incumbent here it is safe to say the Lion's paw will not be withdrawn long, tho the Russian is said to have been set up here for only five years.

With good Anglo-Saxon push, Mr.Geary made his French boat at Trebizond, tho he took his cue from time-table he had in Bitlis quite to the amusement of denizens who ridicule the idea of anything hereabouts being up to time! He had pouring rain the first two days from here, but was otherwise prospered. His boat took on at T.over a score of emigrants for their western El Dorado and the larger part of them from our B.congregation. An important personage among them was Miss Surpohi Melikian who as pupil & faithful teacher has been connected with the Mt.Holyoke Sem'y here ever since the Ely sisters have been here as its founders. Two or three of her pupils were in the party while there was one graduate at least from our boys' school.

If last certainly not least would we gladly chronicle the arrival of our German friends, Mr.& Mrs.Benno von Dobbeler on the 22nd Ult.via Moush, and we are happy to say encountered little rain, and seem to have made a successful wedding trip all the way up overland from Aleppo where they met & were married at the house of Dr.& Mrs.Altonian who were very kind to them indeed.

We have helped in organizing them a nice new little home for the months they plan to be here in a compact premises our B.Pastor formerly occupied. Tho we are pleasantly impressed with them but our langage with him especially is quite limited tho it is better for the Elys who know some German.

Our first sifting of snow was on 7th & ice on 9th Ult.but weather pleasant tho mountain tops are white. Wheat, etc., as also bread-stuffs double usual price. Not a few discouraged ones try to run the gauntlet to the north country but some fare hard. With cordial greetings, etc. R.M.Watchman.

(Mr Cole)

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Bitlis, Turkey, Dec. 4/06

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Only time to say "All's well" with us so far as usual matters go.

We are already talking, singing & praying with our new German friends, though so far as language goes Mr. V. Dobbelar has little tongue save his own mother's, to help on, and he seems rather inexperienced & perhaps not very efficient, but it is too early to judge yet. She seems more practical and knows considerable Eng. & Armenian. Fortunately for the Elys they too can refresh their German they picked up years ago in Europe, and so they will be more comfort to one another after we may leave in the early spring. May the Lord lead in all these matters! We are all in usual health and matters about are rather more quiet of late though oh, such poverty, hunger & nakedness as appear on every hand!

The Lord have mercy on poor humanity. Our eyes are out for your cablegram saying the man is coming. &c. Hastily

R. M. Cole

K. M. Cole

Bitlis - Turkey Dec. 4 - 1906.

Copy

Dec 11-1906

Hon. J.G.A. Leishman,

American Ambassador to the Porte, Constantinople,

Hon. Sir:-

Most grateful for your so kind communication of the 14th Ult. may I presume on writing again this soon--my apology, in part, being that Mr. Ceary writes me hopefully of his hour's interview with your Excellency as to Schs., property & other matters for us up this way; and he seemed to feel you might be able to push things not a little, if you might have full facts before you. I sent Mr. Peet March 21st, 1902 a complete List of our Prot. Establishments, whether chapels or schools, in whose names held, etc., which I had supposed he would submit to your Excellency, though it would seem from Mr. Ceary he could not have done so, or if so only in a partial form. It is true earlier, when Mr. Knapp now at Harpout, was being forcibly deported, and there was some doubt as to others of us, we did not press so much these being the Schs of foreigners, but conditions have changed somewhat, and really what shall constitute American schools if not the fact of their being held in buildings of ours, albeit held in names of natives in many cases from failure of our property rights these later years; being taught mostly by pupils of ours & whose salaries we pay, while we personally or by correspondence superintend said schools- we often making special tours for this very object.

Secondly, We have always understood & so our friends at the Bible House wrote us years ago, and so admitted the predecessor of present Muarif Ef. that all schools opened previous to 1880 must be regarded as firmanli & so treated now all our schools come under this category, as the enclosed from our best native adviser, shows who was pupil & later teacher in some of them previous to our coming here in 1884, after passing sixteen years in Erzroum.

But, for all the law of age of the Schs, or the force of precident set by his predecess or who really did grant us six permits-Girls'& Boys'High Schs in Bitlis, and a common school in the Head ward opened in '85, common Sch. at Houkn village five hours east of here & the boys & girls boarding ones in M. after all this, I repeat, the present incumbent persists in bringing forward the most frivolous excuses if but he may hinder our work.

Earlier we were told we must admit none but Prot. children to our Schs. to which we replied it was not our business to turn back pupils, but of the Cov't more recently he claims they have nothing to do with the religion of the pupils, nor anything to say as to our preaching; still in visiting our Schs. in our absence he asks of the smallest what his or her religion, Prot. or Gregorian & writes them accordingly which looks religious, but all the more so when at his instigation a policeman insults our acting preacher at Dzughag village, the Bible & pulpit by forcibly closing the Sab. service & ejecting the one holding only a religious service, as is always our habit on the Sab. as I wrote Mr. Peet at the time.

(See over)

Here,then,is the official clamoring for Sch.permits anh that our teachers diplomas be vizéd but he is just the one to parley off against giving them! Who shall give them if not you, I said, for you are the chief of the department. 'He was young and not experienced in such,had received no order to vizé',albeit he was present last year at our graduation exercises & gave the young men their diplomas with his own hands.

Here,then,is the situation: We must have permits or the Schs.be closed; the teachers diplomas must be vizéd or the cannot teach, though of proper education per schedule of studies his department have approved; thier diplomas,too,are all right but lack the seal-impress of the office he holds.

After long & repeated badgering in this respect he answered us we might complain of him when an order might come from Cons/ple that he vizé them. Probably he knows too well that if anything at all comes of such so much time would elapse he,if not the rest of us,would be out of the way!

Result to be expected if he is left here & present policy pursued: Ere a year probably Shekniaghoub & Khoultig,two of our most important Schs,if not others,will be closed. Moral. If this official were away more hope appears.

Last comes again our Property rights I think I spoke of before, and if something cannot be done & perhaps ere long the some two-thousand Liras worth of property belonging largely to our Board & some two-hundred of the Orphanage opened & carried on by Americans with outside money,wil come into great danger indeed, and strenuous effort should be put forth all the more as we plan to leave for America ere many months, and should an entire stranger of no language or experience come in it would naturally be much harder than for one knowing all the past history & precedences.

But be that as it may our health demands a change & rest, and we shall go, for we have remained a year beyond advice of physicians, and have had the approval of our Board at home in such action, but we shall greatly regret any heavy loss to our beloved Society for whose above interests we have kept in mind & so kept staggering along only to see almost nothing accomplished to remedy matters at your city.

But please pardon so long a communication that possibly should been dito the Consul,but you will know what to do with it.

Bitlis, Dec.11th,1906.

Most respectfully yours,

R.M.Cole

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P. S. We might have added that we
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R. P

Rich. Turkey

Dec. 11, 1906.

Mission Room
Istanbul, Dec. 2 1886

Rev. Dr. Patton;—

In your last circular letter ~~dated~~ Clerk accompanying appros for this Mission for 1887 you spoke of the decision having been made that a new missionary with family come to Bitlis! That sounds well, but "as soon as he may be found" implies the hunt has not been successful yet. Did Rev. Chas. M. Lanneau, F.M. Secretary, 46 Alexander Hall, Princeton Seminary, N.J. write him by request Sept. 10th? I have sent you copy of all last address. He might be able to help Dr. Patton in case of finding Lord's man for poor Bitlis.

The Ely sisters are going to take very hard our leaving here, and especially all the elder one, Miss Ely, who is not a little broken up already. Still after holding a year over us we dare not risk longer delay than when we may get away in the early spring. We are pleased with the new German friends but their zeal moves slowly, as I have written Treas. Higgins — we having to come them, our personal expense even to paying on their horse hire, when arriving here & since up to near £.2.50.00 while not a word yet as to their relieving us of their own orphans & taking over some of ours, as Mr. Ehrman of Mezreh gave us hope they would do when he was here. Still, we are having some pourparlers with them & considerable correspondence in order to bring matters into final shape & are pressing them to take over all expense for them to be independent Mosul German station. We have made the body of our Compact the six fundamental principles you kindly sent us and which Dr. R. with us all thing said he had considerable to do in drawing up & sending you from Germany. Of course we made some additional points from demand of local considerations. But seems to me I sent copy of. We are glad to see our Ely sisters are fully aroused as to the importance of having at least one new lady teacher to make ready to stand in their place. She should

be introduced to and come a-
long with the new missionary
& family. If you find it too hard
to fish up these supplies for Bo.
direct why not let it be tempo-
rary with thought that if they
protest against Bo. after a few
years they may be allowed to go
to Eng. Con or possibly Afr.
I throw out these hints & dash
this off in the greatest haste.
If we keep you well forewarned
then you may be the better able
to forearm us & the field here
by driving home the appeal.
Trusting you will pardon
this hasty, personal note send
on with enclosures.

I am as ever

R. M. Bat

Should you feel a demand to quote
from any paragraph to help on the
work of course I leave it to your
judgment.

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Ans'd APR 24 1907 Rec'd MAR 2 1907

Bitlis, Turkey via Bonsile
Jan. 23/07

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton;—

Your au revoir under date of 13th ult. at hand by our recent though much delayed (as they are apt to be winter) weekly post.

We, too, are sorry to have You away from the office so long— probably till past time we may be arriving in America, as we think of leaving early in April.

By your hinting that correspondence may be directed to you to be passed along to Drs. Strong, Patton & Mr. Bell till your return, perhaps you thought we should feel freer & less formal than in addressing outsiders, as it were. However, in Dr. Strong, your "referee" as you call him, we, of course meet an old friend now well backed up by his son on from the Amherst pastorate; while Dr. Patton we had heard of from St. Louis where my old Amherst school-mate, late Dr. Burnham, was pastor & whose church contributed my salary for a time; and of course Mr. Bell must be of the right material, as your complimentary remarks as to him also go to show. Hence in falling into the hands of the triple at least may we not hope that Bitlis interests will be quite as much safeguarded as with you the one who I know have always taken keen interest in us & sought to do what you could to secure us proper re-inforcement. The dear Lord prosper us speedily in this line!

Heaven knows we are much in need of help not only for the male department but for a lady teacher - one at least if possible to come right on with the new missionary family we trust is in sight ere this date. The Ely sisters are about my age & entered the work the same year we did 1868 & they can hardly carry as much as I of real responsibility, keeping accounts, sch. matters, &c. But we are holding on a year over the time my doctor, H. L. Underwood M.D. now at Erzroum, advised, and we must not risk it longer than till the early spring when we hope the new man with family may be on hand not long after we pull out.

Of the importance of this station field, its size and population, I must assume the referees are well posted from Dr. Barton to whom we have written so much. I will say here only this that in looking over Report of the Thirteenth Missionary Conference held in Nashville, Tenn, a year since one of the brethren in speaking on the "Number of missionaries that should be sent out" said there should be one for each 25 & 50,000 souls as the minimum, - to which we say Amen! but would add that by taking the larger number our great parish would call for about eight missionaries in place of the one lonely one we now modestly plead for. Let this be our last modest plea for the field. We have for these over 22 years done what we could for it but against such odds as hindered desired success

I have more than once cited Dr. Barton to Princeton & Bangor Seminaries, both of which I was connected with giving some addresses & parties we have had occasional correspondence with for some of their missy Societies.

I would you might hit upon some one (perhaps uprooting some pastor, or devout, missionary F. M. C. young man of account & business habits) to hasten right on without having to wait for the new classes to come out of the seminaries next June when they might not arrive till Dec. May your efforts put forth for Bitis be richly prospered!

I might say in closing that our U. B. M. vice Consulate here is vacant some for the presence of a dragoman. The late acting vice Consul Arthur B. Geary, Esq. was very kind in looking after American interests - probably doing quite as much as would one of our own officials. In passing through Consple en route for Eng. recently, he took special pains to have a long talk with our new Ambassador Mr. Seishman. He was fully convinced, as we have felt here, that proper pushing of property, school rights, &c. was not put forth by our friends at the Bible House thus owing in part, perhaps to lack of cordial relations with our Embassy. But since Mr. Geary left here by our continually wearying officials we have bullied through an order for opening the girls sch. in Moush City closed by us because of immoral ones in the house, but no order has given for its transfer to near, better quarters.

With all these questions arising only one, that

as to a building lot (perhaps for 2nd church) in the Zaburghour ward of Bitlis has carried through by a lawyer at Constpe but at the expense of £12 or about all it would sell for now; but he here glo for even one point gained there in property rights. Had we made such liberal use of money here possibly we might have gained a point, though the strike by officials here is against us foreigners holding property on our own name & if this may not be regulated our Board may in the end lose 15-2000 Liras worth of property. We succeeded in getting into our name several pieces of property, as I pointed out, but on the late obstruction (tho the Pasha verbally admits our rights) here, being referred to C., nothing is done.

By the way, Mr. Geary wrote me our Ambassador has somewhat excercised over something appearing in the papers (probably Dr. Batton's piece on our effort to be made for them) on more work for the moment if such were to be carried into effect he, Mr. G., not quite sure it would forebode fresh trouble ahead for us until the Govts unite better as to what shall be condu in the land I fear there might be useless sacrifi Dr. B. hoped I might investigate as to prospects for wor in Russia where I have several Armenian friends in various places & I purpose doing so, somewhat by correspondence & if the new Doumma does not result in new mixtures he could come that way we could investigate in personal interview. Sincerely,

R. M. Co

Rec'd MAR 2 1907
Ans'd APR 24 1907

Bitlis, Turkey, Jan. 25/07

Our dear Friends:—

Not knowing that our Dr. Barton was leaving the office I sent to him copy of what I sent our new Ambassador directly to our property rights, sch. obstructions, &c. if, perchance, he might not do something for us independent of Bible House pressure. Whether such enclosure fell into hands of "your his referees" or not, since he had gone, I cannot not; but I sometimes enclose some such things to him as one of our own E. T. M. number some years ago, hoping that he might see & know how we are often occupied here of late in seeking to adjust matters ere we go home for U.S.

Though I am putting in enclosures this time also, but they are of a different nature, and might, perhaps, count in some sense as station report for the male department in Educational & Evangelistic lines, should you choose to term it such; for later on we are to be so occupied in our preparations for leaving, I can give no formal report, though from this & letters something of interest for poor Bitlis might be culled, perhaps, should such be sought after. Of course later on the Bly sisters will naturally report for their department, to be submitted to mission meeting if there happens to be one after we leave.

Though the past year has had its perplexities in certain lines, as hinted above, still there have also been encouragements not a few. Our churches can hardly hold their own in number, from emigration. More than

a score left the Bitlis Church & congregation in the last exodus, most of them aiming for the California, Fresno & El Dorado, and among them was the chief leader of this Mt. Hol. Seminary here & who has been in it from the beginning. Some are in prison on most cruel trumped up charges, while some from the Ch. Mousul way, have died there in prison, but a goodly number have been received to Ch. on confession & more are to be the Easter communion - nearly all from our orphans, one of whom, as also one of later class, is a reforming element we hope, much to be preferred to agitation or weapons right up in Sassoun whence we took them as orphans some eight years ago, but this mark of Christian education upon them & sent them back to their own ill-fated region, the first storm-center for all the massacres. But the two boys work on hopefully there. Coming to education & especially in connection with our Bitlis Boys High Sch. we might say of the some 50 graduates 21 fall under the last three years & ten of these were our orphan boys, one of whom is taking his course in Aintab College, while another - not an orp. - son of a priest in our large Khoutig vil. 2½ hours S. E. of our Bitlis, is taking his course in Euphrates College. 8 have also graduated from our Mission Theol. Seminary at Hoi of whom three have been ordained the last one Bro Arpeas, late preacher at Erzroum (after serving as such in Mousul City) in Providence R. I. where he has plenty of work among his own race. His wife is a graduate of the Ely Mt. Hol. The other two are our pastor here in B. & the other one the Evangelist for Mousul region. Another is preacher in the second church at Haifoot City; while the other

two of his class immediately after graduation returned to us and are doing good service as preacher-teachers, one in our large village Khonetig only 2½ hours over the mountain S. E. of Bitlis. His wife is a Mt. Hol. graduate & they have two children. The latter is located for a time in Navadorik an important Prot. village on the mountain side only 2½ hours S. E. of Mosul city & near the border of poor Sassoun. He is rather an interesting speaker & has more spiritual trend and the hope of a plucky evangelist to move among the villagers, make the best of their trying face & threatening conditions, as I saw in a tour I made with him after his return from Harpoot where conditions are so much better in every respect. When our ordained man at Th. demurred at going on a tour out of timidity, this one was ready to volunteer on it. Both of these men made a good impression as their teachers at Harpoot, and churches & congregations they arrived as preachers. We may ordain one if not both of them before we leave, especially if it turns out our two ordained men are to leave, as they have talked of doing. The new ones could take their places. 15 of our graduates are in America, two in London, one in Russia while two have died, one Mt. College graduate killed in massacre at Bitlis where he was teacher in our Boys Sch. at the time; and one was killed in attempting to go via Russia to join his cousin pastor of a Cong'l church at Odell, Ill, only 60 miles from Chicago. This cousin, too, was graduate of our Sch. After being in Mt. College awhile, went to America, was in Moody Mt. Hermon sch. and thence to Williams College whence he graduated and later from Yale Theol. Semy - a promising young

man, as affirmed Dr. Reynold who met him at the College where he, too, graduated. Four others are in N.Y. City so far as we know. But not to m[illegible]y with an Alumni-Memorial I would simply say that all [illegible]e doing well & are a credit to their alma mater. Seven are doing in our own field as teachers or preachers, and more would have remained with us only for obstructions on part of Gov^t closing our 3 sch^s in Akhlat region.

But I would by no means omit to mention in brief the 14 graduates from our Industrial dept. of Orphanage. Eight of them have gone from us, one making a good living and is a credit to us at Lynn, Mass. 4 in Russia, 2 in Eu. Turkey, 1 lost his life on the border in attempt to escape to Russia while one made good his escape that way & joined his uncle in Rumania while 6 are still in our employ where we turn out from nearing shoemaking, tailoring, &c), all needed even in plain graduating suits, as has appeared in recent graduations, & which called out compliments from guests present, even to foreign consuls.

This for our general, hasty & probably last such critter glance at this important station field that has so absorbed our time & strength for these nearing twenty-three years when most of the time we have been left to tread the wine press alone. The new man should have an easier time, as now we are to turn over to the German workers Mr. & Mrs. B. von Dobbeler the moiety part of our field, and he will enter upon the work younger than we did coming here after 16 years passed at Eu, not a little of the time there too, alone.

We shall be sorry not to welcome him here & pass over the reins but may see him that side the waters, if he is delayed. If strength holds out I am urged to be present at World Eld. Sch.* to be held in Rome May 20-3 my May he be a better, more able man & have better conditions here

Sincerely R. M. Cole

Rev. R. M. Cole
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Dear Friends:-

Though having spoken these several times & at such length I ought not pen another word, but failing to get in its proper place a few what I regarded important things I venture here just once more & just as much as is of no practical use please see it is mailed our daughter Miss Alice A. Cole, Lank Hall, Oberlin, Ohio.

Feeling the bright thing of our work at present & that which gives us most comfort as we turn away from it, is the educational as evidenced in the hopeful graduates that have gone out from us I had in mind to quote from some of their letters to their "Parent" who sometimes writes to them & others of our teachers in the field dozen letters a week in Armenian - all with his own hand, for from the first he was dead after the new tongue - reaching his first sermon in it at end of first six months and he never took up the way of using a secy, as most do. But we must not do more than refer to a very few & partly because of the principles carried by them as compared with red-hot agitators, unprincipled in many cases immoral, who drift about among the villages, often blackmailing & abusing their own race extorting money forcing them from fear to purchase weapons & join their ranks & even taking their life if they dare gainsay their mad-ned course in being never so happy as when disturbances are on, blood of their compatriots flowing, while the honor of their wives & daughter may go to the wall,

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though as matter of fact few of them have families or they would have more regard for morality & proper social principles. Their threadbare argument is "Be patriotic join us and let us end our lives speedily rather than hang on in this living death" - the whole being made after the pattern up in Russia. To be sure conditions, most ungodly taxation, oppression, &c. have set running this spirit in the land just as has been seen up in our north country.

But we argue the Gospel principle - the "Sword will decay," but let us preach Christ & instill gospel principles among the people. They charge Moslem with relying on the sword, but how much better is their own course, tho under the guise of xty? In graduating our last class we took pledges from them to hold aloof from all such non-gospel principles & be loyal to our sch. With this spirit two of them, as stated before, are working up in Sadoun while guns look out over the ramparts of the fine barracks in different localities - the boys nothing fearing since the officers no & the soldiers there, have studied them near at hand, show them special honor & enjoin upon the people to send their children to these teachers' schools so they not grow up in ignorance like the wild beasts! ⊗ Please do remember this mishap of a clerk - nothing serious!

But I see no room is left for quotations from theirs or other letters, but I will beg that you pray for them especially that the Lord keep & prosper them in God's work there. One of their classmates from a village in north part of our field where he was teaching a small sch. of his gathering has been in prison & others with him (one Dr. Bowen's Colporteur) now for over four months, and who can say what might not happen to them as well, however innocent they be.

Again - Watchman

~~J. M. Cole~~

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Changes in Mission Work - Sequences of Relief Work - More especially in the Bitlis Field -

Progress should be watched for in every land & especially in the Orient where there is so much call for it.

If persecution was too often entered upon by our Gregorian friends in the early years little of such open demonstration is seen in regions we occupy now for some years. We get along with the Gs in all courtesy - exchanging visits on special days, as we should similar ones in America -

In 1840 one Patriarch, Matthew by name, was a rank persecutor at Constple; and his inhuman, execrable influence extended to Trebizond & Erzroum, or wherever Evangelical ideas were entering, as the history of the time shows. But in '95 when we were rebuilding the houses of Sassoun after the massacre, with charity funds, another Patriarch of the same name wrote us familiarly asking for factors to that poor unfortunate people & send on contributions to our fund - and he directed his subordinate, acting prelate, at Mousch, to co operate with us, which he did - coming into the province several times while we were there - we working together like brethren - Coming further down to time of our taking up Armenian orphans, from pressure elsewhere it was felt by our friends also, he should conciliate the old church by allowing them to go to the old ch. service, which, of course, he did; but soon they elected not to go, affirming they got no good from the service, &c. & so he gave it up, not feeling to urge upon the dear children. It dropped off after a time and later on in recent years several from our orphan

have been received into Bittis Prot. Church as communicants, though formerly our so conciliatory friends at Constple, per their Circular seal sound at the time, would been alarmed at this move apparently.

The present Patriarch, and old Erzroum friend (he as Bishop then) but ach this secret enemy, as appeared then, turns to us through Mr. Peel & wishes us to have a hand in the disbursing of their funds for the poor, as he keep on doing.

And so he might go on telling how the Armenians turn to us for help & advice among the higher as well as common ones in the land, as well as those outside so anxious for faithful ones to facilitate money's reaching their friends, or for us in advising for their family to go on to them. "What should we do without you" they write from Eng. Canada & America. A priest in charge of a near Bittis City monastery writes.. "Superior Father;- Good worker, shepherd of Evangelical flock; from the time you entered Bittis to the present evidence has been given of true non-hypocritical, philantropic duty by your efforts for orphans, for the poor & disconsolate ones; but it is impossible for me with my feeble tongue & weak pen to properly describe these things, and how you have done so without difference whether for Prot. or Gregorians all enjoying your favor"-- &c

Pardon these copyings & glimpses of changes which might seem like the prattle of some old man hunting round for appreciation. But as all is due to the Spirit & Gods word with Christian Edu pushed on also by other faithful laborers; and as in our loneliness who shall tell of the status if not re- this our apology if one be called for - & R. M. Cole

Bittis, Turkey

Bittis, Jan 26/04

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Bitlis, Feb. 2/07

Dear Dr. Barton:

The enclosed in Feb should have gone Malmek's post, but I enclose now.

We are in usual health and safety. Miss Mary Ely and the von Dobbeler, German new workers plan to leave next Tuesday on a handsled tour to Mosul.

Week of Prayer passed off well with special interest here & in a few other places we have heard from. 8 to 10 to be admitted to church here - most of them ex-pupils in our schs. Yours

R. M. Cole

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Little Turkey

Feb. 2-1907.

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TURKEY FOUR-HUNDRED MILES WEDDING TRIP ON HORESBACK.

What of the many-sided bridal trips taken by notables in our home lands on turning away from Hymen's altar, later, perhaps, to be pelted by friends with rice ere they take their steamcar for some distant city! But who is to watch for such things over in the Orient, tho the party here can boast of a trip and "honeymoon" passed in Bible-Lands, albeit cavalier like they dash off across the country with all its expectations from marauders & such uncanny experiences as only veterans, not novices in the land can understand.

But pluck & push, grit & grace are equal to all experiences & exposures. Mr. Benno von Dobbeler, an earnest Christian young man felt a call to leave his pleasant German home & friends, and to come over to work as teacher & busi-man for poor Armenians, & orphans in particular, in these parts tho his particular destination was unknown till he reached Constantinople. Here it was natural he should look into work for orphans in that great city, in doing which he was brought face to face with a Miss Anna Storck who had been at work some years for orphans. During these days old Cupid let fly some of his darts in ways known to his cupidity, soon words suited to such an occasion were spoken, when the young man pursued his journey eastward through Cappadocia to Harpoot whence he was, after a brief sojourn, shunted off by telegram down to pass a time at Marash.

Meanwhile plans began to mature for his entering upon work for Armenians up in the Bitlis station field, & the Moush part in particular, but naturally "it was not good for him to be alone," and arrangements were made for his German fiancée to come on from home where she had been during the summer, she closed up the home for orphans at Constantinople, packed up what she needed, took two of the orp. girls as companions-one a graduate-and set out by steamer for Alexandretta on the northern Syrian coast where her betrothed is on hand, their party goes by carriage to the somewhat large, flourshing city of Aleppo where foreign consuls are found so legal technicalities may be attended to, and through the kindness of newmade friends & at the home of that so popular physician & surgeon, Dr. Altonian they twain are made one & soon set out on their spring-wagon ride up across the country, tho horseback was the order in many places & wholly so the last part, as they came further north, and only a few years ago was all the way, as we know from experience & now is bad for carriages. Their first important landing place was Ourfa-the reputed "Ur of the Chaldees" and where, Isaac like, our friend had no occasion to hunt for a Rebekah-the clergyman having settled that for him down at Aleppo & lo, she is with him! D. is of old, obviously in interesting history, if it were well known; but since its later terrible experiences there is a specially attractive work there for orphans, both for the American & German workers, as also Edl. & evangelistic.

But our friends dare not tarry, for the season is so late that ere their well nigh to a month's pilgrimage is over they may be threatened with snows upamong the Kourdish mountains. Thence they advance by way of the compact, rather nice looking little Severek city where, too, cruel deeds were done in the "events" of '96. Passing only a night here on they go the next day over the Kaladagh mountain descending into the Diarbekir plain & soon entering the city of that name lying near the Tigris river. Old black-walled D. is one of the most interesting & well-kept cities of the Interior, and is, with other near regions rich in history, tho writers were few in the ancient time & chary of careful research & record, so it does not come down to us satisfactorily.

Bearing westward from the old Tigris & D. where they found fellow countrymen also working for humanity, they aim for Harpoot-leaving old Mesopotamia behind, but find H. to be a very interesting & important center for the work both of the Americans & Germans-the former having the large & so flourishing Euphrates college up on the heights near "black-castle," supposed to give name to the place-Karapert or Karpert now called Harpoot by foreigners. The Germans have made their stand at Mezreh, an important town down upon the plain an hour away where is the seat of Govt. for the whole province. Here under the lead of Rev. Mr. Ehmann, & after nearly a decade of experience & study of the language success is being met with-their "Seminary" being more like American Normal schools & whose aim is to prepare spiritual teachers who shall also lead in Sab. services in villages & places where two workers cannot be afforded.

After a week of refreshing rest, visits & counsel with fellow countrymen & the Americans of more than two score years experience in the regions they resume their march due north-eastward, passing over the east branch of the Euphrates river on a crude old ferry flatboat, up past Palu city to scale the mountains beyond constituting parts of the Taurus range till in the end they pass along through our almost peerless (for this part of the land) Moush plain that can boast of nearly 200 villages of more than 30,000 Armenians within a circuit of 30 miles. But they are all terribly poor-lacking in almost everything to constitute even a Turkey home.

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with such a center as this having a small admixture of Moslems save ab
two-thirds of the some twenty thousand population in Moush city there
constituted such an important field for work as should arouse the aspi
of any young man, & here it is our friends plan to locate permanently i
This region, too, should be replete with Armenian history. Traces of M
villages are to be found where dwelt their prominent historian in the o
time, and there, too, was found the inventor of the 36 characters of thei
phabet, Mesrob Vartabed. This was in 406 A.D., while during the next fi
years, with the assistance of his pupils he translated the whole Bible.

Like Van city M. too, has from time immemorial been considered a stro
hold, in educational matters, for old selfstyled patriotic Armenians or
gorians, as also for the Catholics-they all having somewhat important S
The former have numerous & important monasteries in the regions, one of
Sourp-Carabed, used in more prosperous times to draw thousands of pilgr
some coming down from Russia, as we have seen-for in form The As are re

Passing only a night at M. city, where they meet our Prot. Pastor & fa
our friends push on for Bitlis with their cavalcade of 12 animals take
at Harpoot, with no "change of cars" at Moush! On receiving their telegra
M. some of us a la Orient set out to meet them some miles out of town &
cort them into town with a warm welcome to our hearts & homes whence, a
a few days entertainment, they elect to go to their nice cozy little ho
in their new ~~home~~ quarters we had made ready for them near-by, per their request
they are hard at work studying the Armenian, tho Mrs. von Dobbeler so lon
conspire, is quite at home in Armenian, has some Turkish, speaks French &
quite readily. She might have been heard speaking five languages on our
Years day with their callers. They seem happy indeed for all the strange sights, sound & sm
about in this not overclean city that has had for snowfall up to date n
25 feet; so we exchange calls by crossing over neighbors roofs!

Most of us would consider such a long journey-the mose trying part o
on horseback, lodging in the villages amid very squalid surroundings & w
only the poorest supplies to be had en route, far from inviting; but the
seemed cheery after their month's pilgrimage- no complaints to make of t
journey, even got pleasure on the way, its scenery, etc., which argues wel
even this wedding trip & "honey-moon" taken out in such a rough method of
el-each one, perchance, being happy at "being left alone with his & her sw
heart", as the Paddy once hinted at as the desirable society to have!

Since coming here they have pluckily revisited Moush-going on hands
under lead of Miss Mary Ely. Fortunately they had good weather & roads,
sidering such snows-arriving back in B. the 16th ult. after 12 days absen
they seemed to find not a little to encourage in that wonderful center,
seem looking forward to setting up their permanent home & work there. T
is a few hundred feet higher than B. & colder winters, it has less snow b
and connection with the outside wold is better, as posts come thence to

Pray for these earnest, so promising workers, as also for all of us!

Bitlis, Kourdistan, March 14th, 1907.

R. M. COLE

Mrs. Von Dobbeler - Bitlis - Turkey - 1907

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B. von Dobbeler

After our wedding had taken place in Aleppo the 23. October we started the following day by carriage for our long and peculiar wedding-trip. We past Urfa where we met the German and American friends. In Miss Shattek's orphanage we spent an evening with Mr Perry and his wife from Sivas. After a two days rest we went on to Diarbekir and Mamuret-ul-Aziz a centre for missionary and orphans work. There are 23 German workers, a number of natives helpers and about 500 orphans in several houses. On our visit at Harpout we were kindly welcomed from the American Missionaries. The Suvo on the Eastern mountains reminded us that we had to break off without delay for the last and most difficult part of our journey to Bitlis ten days on horse-back. The Lord was with us kept us from every accident and gave us in comparison with the late season good weather. We stopped only one night in Mousch, as we had the intention to go over there for a few days from Bitlis. Crossing the large and populous Mousch-plain we realised the first time how great the task and the opportunities were God had entrusted to us. The 22nd of November we neared the Bitlis mountains, but could see nothing of the town until we were quite near. Mr Cole and his daughter, the native pastor and the teacher of the Protestant school had come to meet us and gave us a heartily welcome, what we appreciated the more as we felt very lonely in this wild part of the country. When we reached the American premises we were welcomed by Mrs Cole and the orphans and led to the house of the Ely's ladies, where we stayed the first days as guests. We felt quite at

home there, the dear ladies have been years ago in Germany and do love the Germans. As the live nearly 40 years in Bitlis we had many an interesting talk with them about country and people. On the 27th of Novbr. we entered into our new home. Mr. Cole had kindly rented for us a very suitable house and care for the supplies we needed. So we looked on encouraged ~~for~~ to the winter, which was said to bring usually so much snow that it became equal in height with the roofs of the houses, so that we could take our way over there. The months to come showed us that this was quite true. We were soon acquainted with our American friends, who did all they could to make us feel at home and to forget that we were strangers. — In Bitlis the American Board has orphanages and schools, both for boys and girls. Some of the orphans are supported by the "Deutschen Hülfsbund". Quite close to the school premises is the Protestant-Church. The services are well attended. The week of prayer was held in a good spirit. Besides schools a.s.o there exists a weaving factory, where the elder orphan-boys, as well as poor children find work and living. In many of the villages in Bitlis district there are schools established with native teachers, most of them are graduates of the Bitlis school. The teacher is at the same time preacher. There are always more or less difficulties to overcome, caused by the Government and the Kurds. Until now the whole Moush plain belonged to Bitlis district too. In Moush city is already a Protestant church with a native pastor, and boys and girls schools

are established. Several villages there have chapels and schools, which are inspite of the poverty well attended. The American-Board has agreed with the "Deutschen Hülfsbund" to give over the Mosh work to the Germans as the Bitlis workers are few and supervision is very hard as Mosh is two days journey distant from Bitlis. A good commencement is already made there and we hope that we will be enabled to carry on the work as true servants of Christ. In the time of destruction much help was given to the people, orphans were taken in houses rebuilt and relief money distributed, but the villages are still utterly poor and many of the people die from deprivation and typhus.

They need material helps as well as the gospel, it seems the time has come, that the seed sown grows and brings fruit, the people is helpless and stretches forth their hands for help from Europe. But we know that this help will not come "by might nor by power, but by the spirit of the Lord of hosts".

Mr Cole, the leader of the station, who has laboured nearly forty years in this country is about to leave for America. Although we regret very much to lose him we are fully persuaded that he needs a longer rest, as he is poorly in health and very tired.

We who are left here work forward with confidence that the Lord will carry on and bless His work.

B. von Dobbeler.

A. von Dobbeler

Bitlis - Turkey. Mar. 1907.

Impressions of the Field

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Bitlis, March 9/07

Dr Dr. Barton; -

Seems to me what we write has to be di-
rected to you, though Dr. Strong may be the party that
deals with such material till you return to the Office.
We are waiting, waiting, I cannot say very patiently
for the hopping up in the boys of this new missiona-
ry you have assured us has un[illegible] hot pursuit for
Mr. Bitlis, and we had hoped [illegible] your other self at
the Office, be he Dr. Strong, Dr. [illegible]ton or whosoever,
would cable us the man was actually in sight, but that
he does not materialize. Yet. Set the wires check on!
We are trying to hurl things in the best shape possible for
sending for America just as soon as opening spring roads
allow permits. With the so pleasant & promising sermon

workers here as near neighbors, probably till after we have.
We shall not feel so badly about leaving the Elgin,
after holding on more than a year past the time our
Underwood (now at Km) thought was safe for our health.
We can take no longer risk, for the work is the Lord's.
I am trying by correspondence with friends in Russia to
decide if it be safe to go via the northern country,
finish in person to gain what information we can as to the
outlook for missionary work in that land, as per request
of Dr. Porter in a late letter.

Herewith I send impressions of our German friends as
to the field and their trip up over land from where they
twain were made one". Mr. D. von Rabbeler apologizes
for his English, spoke as though I should edit it;
think it will be easy to make it out & so save time
sending it on as it is, & may follow with circular with
this for our "all's well" for this port. Near to 2 o'clock

Rec'd APR 22 1907

Our dear Friends:- Bitlis in Asia, March 14/07

If here on the New-Years day of the Turks we may not have our post-letters & papers-till after another long delay(nearly three weeks such several times this winter) partly because of blocked roads owing to over twenty-two feet of snowfall from the beginning(about ten of it within 14 days & ending the 4th inst.) why, we can send away missives to friends if but the outgoing one will be sure to land them earlier to their destination. Of course our last one must leave on the"regulation day"but found for its first stage(where it waited on the snows two or three days!)a village an hour only from the office! But deep snows are a problem in every land. Villagers recently coming in from over the table-land at our northward tell of letting the telegraph wire run through their hand as they walked along with it at their side,but we have sometimes ridden right over it somewhat sagged,on my touring handsled other winters of twenty-five feet of snow.

Never during our nearing two score years in the land have we seen such extreme suffering, not even when veritable famine was abroad; tho it is not such now,so far as grain supply goes,but with it,the money & work in the hands of the dominant,too little sympathetic,class what is to be expected! Prices run two & three times the usual rates,so that not a few with no money nor credit find it very hard to"keep the wolf"from the door,both in the villages,in town & the Moush regions. Through the kindness of a few friends over 300 liras has been sent us for special cases,tho we have made no appeal for such feeling it is hopeless to attempt to cope with such conditions of annual,if not almost constant occurrence. Not having a sufficiency for open distribution we are taking the way of depending upon various trusty parties to give it out secretly in most desperate cases,hoping in this method to ward off the ubiquitous taxgather & forefend creditors who seek to collect most ungodly rate of interest even when there is no principal to draw from! Towards half of what we have has been passed over with the injunction to only use it where life is to be saved; and by thus doling out adroitly here & hundred & thousands claim to have been kept alive,while recipients with wide spread hands & upturned eyes call blessings down upon the benefactor & often persist in kissing our feet. We have already given out some 15 liras'worth of native cloth or clothing,for never have we seen such nakedness abroad even in this land-sometimes so much so as to be a disgrace for them to appear in the light,while women & girls even drift through the snows wholly barefoot with only two tattered old garments for their winter apparel! Would we might hold over a little of this for seed in a few cases,tho with almost no oxen in the hands of Christians how can they plow in order to sow seed!

Our German workers,Mr & Mrs.Benno von Dobbeler,found twelve days of good weather to put in a visit to Moush under lead of our Miss Mary Ely-they returning from their unique handsled ride on the 10th ult. The young couple have plan to set up their permanent work there in May with their home in or near our buildings. They found most abject poverty in those regions naturally,tho considerable help has been given the people.the E.Russian consul sending over some for food & clothing & ours do what they can. Still all these helps are like"a drop in the bucket"-so great is the constant demand. We shall do all we can till we leave for America,D.V.,early in May,not promising to return tho with our experienced,faithful Ely sisters & Germans on the ground & the hope of a young American missionary to be on the ground the coming season suitable almoners will not be lacking should friends wish to send on.

Cordially & thankfully good bye, A.H.COLE.

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Pittis, March 16/07

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Rev. Mr. Bell, March 16-1907.

Dear Mr. Bell;

Your name has a familiar sound to me since my old friend in College Bunny, & for a time missy at Mardin of our Mission, had the same, but passed up to the higher service some years since.

Many thanks for yours at hand this date. I know Syria is being searched to find a man for Pittis, which the neighboring in it & gives chur-s will before me as I write this note for the reason as "station letter" (did you call those of a "interest" when you were missy in Sonder)

and so I cannot acknowledge it in regular form — it just having come back from the Elys.

The enclosed circulars some of your rooms may take an interest in, and when their is no further use for them would some one of you kindly see that they were sent to our daughters at Oberlin — Misses Alice H. Gale, Lank Hall, Oberlin Ohio.

We have congratulations to offer on the effect of new dress & general good personnel it presents to us on this the threshold of the new year. The day last lifted all the mortgages in all your offices at those rooms!

Pardon this irregular — I fly to yours & will hope to do better next time. We shall not start from Paris, Hastily K. R. M.

COPY

Under Canvas, Bitlis, April 5th,1907

Our dear Friends:-

We have been passing through two sorts of panics as a people of late - the first being repudiation, in part at least of all worn silver currency. Instead of new coins being presented in exchange the old was left on the people as a loss some of it belonging to beggars who had gathered a little pittance for bread which now is snatched from their mouths, and not a few are thus left famished both in town and the villages round about.

But the second and most serious consternation has been the worst earthquake witnessed here in the memory of any now living, tho a friend tells me of an old historical book on these parts that reports even a worse of 190 years ago. After some days of damp snow, sleet, slush and rain on Friday the 29th ult. at ten o'clock AM. the unwelcome visitant burst in upon us all unannounced. Almost immediately such full force was turned on that our city seemed in the jaws of some fearful monster who would shake us into shreds like the enfuriated mastiff does his well-earned game! Down came plastering, upset are bottles and dishes, liquids spilt and clocks stopped; crevices opened in strong walls, two feet thick dirt roofs so shattered that muddy water poured down in abundance to ruin furnishings below, while more frail walls fall down.

The first day witnessed 14 shocks mostly tremulous and lateral ten of which came off in the short space of two hours. Of some 4,000 houses in town it is estimated 300 have fallen, while of the remainder over half are so damaged that 5 to 75 Liras will be in requsition for repairs. Officials report ten deaths, and fifteen wounded tho I fear it it too low an estimate. Two butchers, Hagop and Jango, were buried in their falling shops; a Kourd, Halit, his wife and two sons buried in the debris of their house soon on fire tho it is though they were dead ere

it reached their stricken bodies. A.K.Hamzeh killed and daughter's limbs broken. Down fell a stone upon the head of another Kourd and killed him, while a poor woman of his race was wailing and saying their wall had so pinned their little daughter to the ground that to save her life they had cut off her arm and so whisked away her body! Other casualities are happening every day from toppling over of shattered walls, tho the municipality is wisely on the watch for dangerous places to have them demolished to save disaster. Still with no more system and streets clogged by what remains of our over 28 feet of snow from the first and surmounted by stone from falling walls it is hard to move about to get at facts people fearing to meander such narrow, uncertain lanes with stones threatening from above.

Only that the two most dangerous shocks came by daylight loss of life must have been very much greater, but now nearly all are living out on the snows with such booths and tents as they could improvise. Most churches and mosques are more or less damaged - one of the latter so much so parts of it are being taken down for safe reasons. The Prot. rather large church resting on firm stone arches, tho cracked in several places does not seem dangerous and has been a splendid rendévous for our numerous orphans, school children and others, tho oft they would rush to the door when shocks were on. But during it all the faithful old church clock, gift of a Mr. Zakeosian, now long in America, has not ceased to keep up its tick-tock, which shows some assurance for its region.
A most weird, gruesome experience has been to listen to the wailing intonations of the Moslem multitude gathered here and there to offer a sort of Amen! to the prayer of their mullah that Allah would prevent further shocks! But now the shocks are receding their wails are no longer heard. Armenians, Assyrians, Catholics, etc. also put up their prayers. The protestants had their usual service at noon of Sunday and some three hours later came one of the most damaging shocks which must have been serious in results at time of service, when all would have rushed for the doors. News from villages south of us discouraging tho shocks do not seem to have extended far away. 150 houses have suffered greatly in Khoultig of 300, not a few having fallen outright, as we hear. With water freezing in our tents, and fear from rains needed to carry these so deep snows off one longs for some secure domicile indoors. Still we should be grateful it is no worse. Hastily, etc. R.M.COLE

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Copy of a letter
Otto Tuckey
to
Rev. Cartright
Apr 5-1904

COPY

DEAR PATRONS OF BITLIS EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS.

Though we turned off a hasty circular last week and must do so this time as well, still we must pass along this post also a few lines to let kind patrons know what we are doing to try to save poor humanity from a little at least of their terrible suffering, and to pass along gratitude of poor ones your so timely benefactions are helping already. We all are most grateful for such prompt and generous help as you have sent on - the first fifty pounds being from that so wide-awake, ever so ready, so sympathetic paper in such distress, The Christian Herald of the Bible House, New York City. God bless all the kind patrons wherever found!

Since the dire event of the 29th ult. the quakes have been easily counted up to 35-40, while some more timid would make them out much more, but only those of the 29th and 30th ult. were, or are, particularly disastrous - the remainder being lighter till now for 40 hours we think there has been none. But with so many shattered walls all around, and amid such terrible rains still more buildings keep falling, and one more man buried but was rescued and did not die that I have heard of. But we fear not a few here and in the injured villages must die from hunger and exposure out upon the snows - for few dare yet to venture into any buildings, tho some of our foreign colony feel the risk to health outside warrants taking not a little inside and so hope to move in some stronger parts of our school buildings. Our Protestant chapel, too, as I stated in last week's circular, stands the shocks pretty well thus far though several cracks appear in that even to the massive stone arches. Not a few pass their time there night and day. We have had our usual Sabbath service there both of the Sabbaths, though it was only three hours after it that the second hard shock took place. But with the gradual cessation of shocks we see hope of more confidence so the people can

enter and dwell within their houses where not too much shattered, and again some business start up - for market and even Government offices have been so far closed that almost nothing is being done and distress increases. Never have we seen such suffering here or at Erzroom during our near 40 years in the land, and it appears all the more as villagers rush in to tell their sad stories. Up to the present from that first fifty pounds 400 liras ($1,760) it coming in equal amounts to our German associates and ourselves - theirs from Germany and ours from America at hand of our Mr. Peet as also 100 from the Armenian Patriarch for his Prelacy here - we to pass it to the aged Abbot and his council. The local Government too seems moving in very small, unsatisfactory ways, probably for want of money actually in hand. The officers and others are warm in their compliments of the Americo-Germanic relief movement that we started so promptly and to such an extent as to almost take their breath away! We have about 3,000 on our list covered with tickets on the various bakeries, which is in danger of aggregating nearly 100 Liras a week or $1,760 for the month, about all we have in hand for the object. Government official told in hearing of our agent they had 600 Liras, a part of which he said was for villagers and part for the city. We shall see what is done for the housing certain poor Government is making a move to do.

With renewed and deepest gratitude,

Yours on part of relief,

(Signed) R.M.COLE

Copy. Wm. Cole
Otto Tacky
re Earthquake

MAY 17 1907

Ans'd Apr 24 1907

Bitis, April 13/07

Dear Dr. Strong:

The inclosed circulars will give you an idea of what we have been passing through from effect of the earthquake. Still from all we see out on the snows under canvas we are keeping about in usual health but oh, we do busy in trying to save humanity!

Obviously we are to have a very backward spring here after our 26½ feet of snow. We are having thunder showers and almost continuous rains & cold at that. Houses are falling - their walls having been badly shattered from the shocks. One fell to-day and a poor woman was buried in the ruins. We hope to get into our pretty strong adobe rooms next week, and are in & out our old as shattered house always keeping doors open with an eye in that direction to flee if a new shock should come. We have tried to get ready to leave but the weather roads are against us & this relief work ties us for the present. In much haste &c

(over)

R. M. Cole

Copy. Cyrus Cole

P. S. Am sorry ~~that~~ one circular was by mistake printed on wrong side, but in such confusion as we are in our little crowded text is is well if we too, are not topsy turvy!

Perhaps you would mail these circulars on to Miss Emily C. Wheeler Glen Albion, Worcester if they do not need to delay with you at this office

R. M. C.

Oct. 13-1905.

Sickle Fantasy

Rev. R. M. Colby

Battis, Apr. 27/07

Rev. Enoch F. Bell,

Rec'd JUN 15 1907

My dear Bro.

Ans JUL 10 1907

Though you have been kind enough to send me two communications of Jan. 26th & Feb. 20th, both of them having encouraging in them but I am sorry to say I have given poor response to them hitherto. As we expect to leave here on the 14th of May if roads & weather permit, and we are so rushed with duties much heightened by this new relief & earthquake sufferers, which I treated of in enclosed circular you may be interested in. But I will not write much here lest you be tempted to read it, & besides would feel called upon to read this besides thus taking too much of your time.

The most I can say to you all at this office is to call out Where's the man for Bittis! As I sit here a writing a poor old woman clamors in her poor hungry state at the door seeking to press past the gate-keeper I am hungry I'm hungry! So we could say Bittis is hungry for this new man let him come that quickly! further than this I hardly need say now, but the rest we may see in order when we come.

Our London address will be 2 Southampton Row, care Henry Keen, Esq. London, W. C. Excuse for I am in such a rush these days.

Hastily, Cordially

R. M. Cole

When no longer of use at your office would you kindly send enclosure to Miss Alice A. Cole Tank Hall Oberlin, Ohio Lorain Co.

Pittis. April 27/07

Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D.D.

My dear Dr. Patton:-

Your so kind letter under date of Feb. 20th came to hand in due course; and though we have, as you say had no correspondence now and then as yet, I hardly feel I can leave so good & kindly a letter as yours without a word of response though it must be in the greatest haste here just as our weekly post is closing and so may not give you such an impression of Cole as he would like on your record; but if I do not dash off something now I fear I shall not till possibly we might have a meet on the Western shore. The remainder we may see if

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order when we come, for we plan setting out on or about May 14th if roads & weather favor, though hitherto business has detained us. Now as you will see if you care to glance at circulars enclose in Dr. Burton's office, you can see how we are again thrust into relief work because of the earthquake on the 28th ult.

We thank you for the kind sympathy you express for our seeking to hold this post alone so long as we have, and also for your so vigorous effort to find the man in Pittsburgh even though it might take you on special visit to old Princeton whose sermons I attended in my first year. We do hope you will table right straight to American Pittsburgh "The man found!"

for such news, if well established, would be no little encouragement to the poor Celts we do so dislike leaving alone here even for a few months, for the German workers feel they must go to their charge at Monsh next month. It is very hard to hull up our roots thrown as deep in Turkey for these nearing forty years in Turkey, but we are working as well that way as we can seeking to set business matters in order.

With most cordial greetings, Hastily yours.

Sincerely Yours

R. M. Cole

Rev. Dr. Patton
Congl. Hom

Erzroum June 17

Dear Dr. Barton:- We are safe here - "Thus far the Lord hath led us on" &c. Let us praise His name. We shall have to take nearly a week's rest here before moving on to Erebd - this hard being on a spring wagon - possibly a phaeton taking a week or more. We arrived yesterday P. M. our tenth day fr. Bitlis. We stood the journey better than we feared. We were much disappointed - the Eliys not less so that no cablegram had come telling of the new men promised. Perhaps this June, lovely June is to turn him out of the sawing mill - may it prove so!

Hastily, tiredly &c R. M. Cole

Rec'd JUL 1 1907
Ans'd JUL 1 9 1907

Erzroom, June 5th 1907

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Though this may not find you back from your visit to the Far East, I address my words to you, per your hint. "Thus far the Lord hath led us on" in our so long hard journey, and we are happy to report we have stood the journey thus far better than we feared. Still we are naturally very worn - so much so we feel obliged to take a few days of rest here, while arrangements are being made for us to go on to Erzerum by carriage. We have found it unusually expensive to come on the finer caravan as yet on barley price, and with such a strong Govt guard as our B. Vali deemed necessary these times. Much more expensive for the distance is travel in Turkey than on your rail roads, while all the hardship & exposure to robbers we are extras!

Here we are treading on familiar ground as our first sixteen years of missionary life were passed here. We gay and worn as we are we hardly feel equal with our run of those early years - it being not easy - if safe - for me to be much on my feet. And yet we cannot escape meeting the few old friends found in the congregation, and I spoke

some little time to the people on Sunday last both at morning & noon meetings!
We are guests of our warm friends & former associates at Bitlis, Dr. & Mrs. Underwood. He is growing into a successful medical & surgical work here - vastly more so than it could have been at Bitlis we have to admit, for poverty & other conditions so untoward militate against all such time.
You will see by enclosed what is the feeling of our station, and us bales as to the Stockwells' passing right on through Bitlis to still more reinforce this now so well manned van station when B. is in such a desperate condition!
Miss M. Ely - plucky as she is usually - said just before we left "I do not think we can pass the winter here alone", and I added "I thought they should not". We did so hope a cablegram telling of the long promised man would come to cheer the Elys & ourselves! Speaking of the new man when he is found, tho I sent on list of our things as looking to his outfit the Germans later took most of the things tho then we left odds & ends - small revolving bk case, & large rocking chairs, 4 cane seated dining room chairs, & there is a good almost new sulling top desk that was Dr. Underwoods. Move on in two days D. V. for Erbil whence or Constple you may hear from us. Hastily &c
R. M. Cole

Rec'd JUL 1 1907

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WESTWARD HO! COLE PARTYLEAVING BITLIS,TURKEY,FOR AMERICA AT LAST.

After violating doctor's orders as to their health by holding on over time more than a year,Mr.,Mrs.& Miss Cole succeeded in bringing somewhat into shape the work for leaving, they set out on their long,trying journey from Bitlis city among the Taurus Mts.where they have made their home for nearing 28 years. The Moush part of the B.station field was turned over to the pleasant German workers,Mr.& Mrs.D.von Dobbelers,while the worthy Ely sisters are in charge at Bitlis till the long promised new missionary may arrive which should be before winter by all means so the Elys be not left alone.

Tho the Party planned to start earlier than May 22nd,perhaps going out via Russia but the earthquake delayed them for relief work,while an accidental fall with serious injury to Miss L.called for a few days longer delay.

But with the die cast what the method & route for their 350 miles"Anabasis"up & down to the Black sea coast-part of the way over the same route, doubtless,the famous Ten Thousand Greeks took that every classical scholar has read about for a similar journey over unbuilt roads over 2000 years ago.

But the method of travel for them,if not pre-Adamite, must be near to it tho it description might be put up in somewhat modern terms; and so let us call theirs a special trainof some fifty cars,nearly half being theirs with retainers,but all carried freight save the animals Mr.& Miss C.rode,while Mrs.C.is ensconsed in one of two boxes(moffahs)hanging from either side of the mules pack-saddle. If any think this special train attractive let them try it even to being suspended in this Turkey palace car over some yawning precipice where safety depends wholly upon the poor mule's footstep!

But the train pulls out from this Turkish(better Kourdish,as nearly all are of that race,save Armenians) town among the Taurus mountains,after last words spoken to such as could not see them out on the road a la Orient. A pleasant feature of the au revoir was when thoughtful Miss M.Ely stole a surprise on them by getting ahead enough two hours(6 miles) away so as to have an appetizing lunch ready on the grass for the mid-day repast following which the last goodby words were spoken, and the westward ho!travelers address themselves in earnest to their long journey.

Note first of all the conductor & engineer as well,Shaban by name-he being the brother of nazet who sold them their tiket at the B.office in form of written contract duly signed & sealed on Govt.stamps to make it legally strong!

Their first station out was Kendarash,a Kourdish village with no sign of guest corner of the stable,but as their tent was not forthcoming till late they bivouac in a deserted"house"socalled,packed in like sardines about the native oven-a claymade hole in the ground resembling a large tub reversed. This they considered one of the worst rendezvous they had seen in the land; but all is well that ends well,and theyare glad to be on their way to have the air of pure nature outside of such stifling pens tho they suit the wild Kourds.

In their nearing two score years in the land they felt no such muleteer had been their lot for obedience. He had alone his band of unwritten music in the form of bells of every kind,which helped to make this mixed special all the more confusing,tho it seemed a stimulus to the poor tired beasts, as martial music does to the soldier,but it is not helpful to conversation.

They pass through poverty & irregularities for poor villagers owing to the influx of Circassians from Russia of late,crossed over eastern branch of the old Euphrates river on a bridge built in a place of bad & dangerous roads from the marauders hanging about, certain of our caravan venturing away from their strong Govt. guard were robbed of some seven pounds!

But they found fairquarters for their tent by a village & had a restful Sab. The scene looking out over the large Boulanouk plain is beautiful indeed. But the story of poverty & distress are harrowing to the feelings to hear. Poor Armenians turned out of their homes & fields to satisfy these immigrants from the northern country,and thus left as vagrant beggars upon the earth! "When O when",say the poor ones,"shall we enjoy the full fruit of our labor!"

To be continued. Watchman

Rec'd JUL 1 1907

Cole

Dear E.T.M.;-

Let it not seem strange that the Coles, arrived at E Erz. and the Underwoods especially as recently at Bitlis, are stirred to think reinforcement is being "thrown at the heads," as it were, of other stations, and yet Bitlis is left in most disconsolate condition for all it keeps 'calling aloud & spares not' for the new missionary so long promised. Were we in B. where we could we should have a spirited station meeting in which still stronger words might be used to think the Elys may have to see the Stockwell reinforcement pass right through B. for Van; I am afraid some of us would not give them the right of way to move on leaving the overburdened E. sisters in such a state! If the new man arrives in the autumn the S'es might skip over to Van in Dr. Ussher's prospective launch. Some one may say (1) V. Industrial needs the S'es more. To which we object that B. demand even in that line is greater, while for society, help in business, possibly accts. etc. how much more need than at V. where are so many workers both American & German! B. weaving, tailoring & shoemaking of B. kind, not much behind V. but has no foreign male supervisor now leading the Elys to feel it must be given up while the Underwoods & we feel strongly it should be kept along for some years at least. Workers there can largely support themselves, while we hope to get on more money for that Dept. (2) On expense, as Van vote asks Board to send S'es to them it indicates their sal'y is provided for outside, and so would not be heavy on the local fund; and (3) the Cole house is ready for them with nothing for rent while the few things of C's left with what they might have & the Es loan them they could at once set up by themselves, as naturally would the new miss'y. Hence we weary travelers & Erz. station unitedly & earnestly urge that the S'es be held at B. at least for the time, On behalf of Erz. & the Coles,

Erzroom, June 5th, 1907.

R. M. Cole

As the Van vote has passed around there is no need to repeal it now.

Since Bitlis is vastly more in need of the above Mr.& Mrs.Stockwell re ferred to in Van vote(see our Erzm.letter explanatory⊗), Therefore; ~~That we request~~ Voted,That ~~sid~~ said reinforcement be allowed to remain with the Ely sisters at least till the long promised new missionary may arrive.

Yeas. Nays.

R. M. Cole

T. L. Underwood.

Ruth M. Buckwell

R. M. Cole June 5-1907.

Bitlis.

⊗ (See over for said letter)

Geneva, Switzerland, July 19th, 1907.

Rev.Enoch F.Bell,
Congregational House, Boston,

My dear Mr.Bell;-

Your kind communication of the 24th April overtook us on its return from Bitlis, I think it was. No, we do not think you"heartless"as as to the interests of Bitlis, and believe you are doing all you can to find the right man for that important field, but you cannot make the men- God is the one to prompt young men to come to the front for such what they may call the hard places in the Missions.

Yes, we know money, to some extent, has been coming in for B.relief, but we remained to distribute the most of it, so far as we hear since leaving the place, but as our circulars will show, it was very hard to think of leaving the poor Ely sisters there so alone, but looking to our health we did not dare hold on longer without some change & rest.

Your idea of a "veteran family going there for a time"is a a good one if only other stations would see it in that light. Dr.Ussher has informed the Elys that tho there is to be no Medl.meeting for him to attend at Aintab-taking him via B.he thinks of coming over for a change & see them.

You may be interested in the enclosure from our friends the Cs at Moush & glad to see they were quite enthusiastic over their new field,albeit they report & confirm what we have seen in the papers, as to somewhat exciting times there. When will these insurgent Armenians learn wisdom! So much we may say, since we no longer fear the Turk may search our letters!

Perhaps I better enclose more circulars to report our slow march westward and again you might send them to our Alice H.Cole, Oberlin, Tank Hall,and oblige. You can hardly imagine the change it is for us to be outside the Turkish lines so we can say what we choose without fear lest our letters be searched & so some harm come of it. We have,however,to be somewhat cautious how we talk to Armenians several of whom we have already met at our friends here- Mr.Favre who has been at our home in Bitlis & is one of the patrons of our relief & orphanage cause. He is very sympathetic & kind to all Armes and is a warm friend of the race, but feels as do we how unwise it is for their insurgents to take such a course as they do.

I might say that though we seem to be interesting not a few prominent parties in town at this season that Mr.F.introduces us to, and yet it has been a much needed rest for us so we shall be all the more fitted to push on to London the coming week. Other patrons & friends that way bid fair to detain us not a little, but as it is all for the cause we do not object.

Most sincerely yours,

K.M.Cole

Geneva Turtg.

Aug 7, 1907

Ktuffy 12. June 07.

Dear Mr Cole.

We were so glad to have good news from you. We learned from the Elys that you were very tired when you reached Erzeroum. We hope that you are now in good health as well as the ladies. We find our summer house very pleasant and wish to send you from here some lines of welcome in Constantinople, and hope that yours are happy.
The air the water is very good here, the house is strong and good, we are very thankful. We thank you very much that you have looked after our organ and the tents. Mrs Y. will write to Dr Underwood. We enjoied

our journey to Mosul very much,
we had the best weather and the
open plain filled our heart with joy
after the long time of captivity in Ba
Few days ago was a little war betw
the "boys" (revolutionists) and soldiers
5 soldiers were killed among th
2 officers.

With much love & many than
for all your kindness - to Mrs. Ca
& Miss Cole also our greetings to Mr. Ca

Sincerely Yours
D. v. Dobbeler

Rec'd AUG 1907
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Translation."High-hon.Mr. Cole;- Karakaleh,near Kars,Russia, April 16/07.

I received your letter dated 2nd March a day since & hasten to reply

1. That it is important for the American Board to open a work in Russia for it would be much more helpful for us all since the Germans & Swedes have very little work in Baku, Tiflis, & Shamakhi regions while our Board has only one pastor in Etchmiadzin regions & a teacher-preacher,both of whom were in our Erzroom Sch.for a time,and the latter of Harpoot college. In these regions & Erivan city,the capital of it, there are over ten villages where there are Evangelicals,but just how many I know not so well. In the regions of Kars where I am there are over twenty villages,large & small,in many of which are Evangelicals-in Kars some 40, Karakaleh,where I reside as preacher, 250, while in Khan & Aski-ghazi villages,6 each.

3. In the city of Alexandrapol(Gumri) are 12 Evangelicals, while there are more than that in each of the villages of Heulijan & Samaghar & many are persuaded to the Gospel truth. In Kaghazman also are a few Evangelicals. But in all these centers for the light there are almost no workers,as I have shown you above. . . . In fine we may say with our dear Saviour'Pray the Lord of the harvest that He open the closed door of Russia & prosper the Board in sending workers into His vineyard in this land'. . . .

After telling as to routes(for he hopes we should come that way) price of laborers in every grade,etc.he goes on to say-There is perfect freedom in religious & educational matters for the local races but just how it might be for an outside Society by foreigners I am not so certain tho but we all expect such freedom for them also in the near future,as this Govt.is no longer so critical of foreigners & its arm has been not a little broken of late. I gave your salutations to your aged friend & former preacher in Erzroom field,and he seconded what I have said above & believed the time was near when the Gospel would pour its blessings on all Russia, and he,like me, desires that the Board have schools,colleges & seminaries in the country as it has in Turkey."

The above is a somewhat free translation & statement of what is in the letter lying before me. I hope for more letters from old friends in that land to quote from. In one from Kaghazman the bro.of one of our Bitlis orphan girls tells me how there are a thousand houses of Armenians now, with fine church,but only 200 houses of Moslems & fewer Russians,while under Turkish rule & soon after the Russo-Turkish war I visited the place and saw hardly any Christians at all. And the same holds with most regions along the frontier where so many of our Armenians manage to gather just across the border-since conditions in Turkey make them most desperate!

This for our first report-of-progress looking to a missionary work in Russia which Dr.Barton wished us to investigate by even coming that route but conditions were against us. I shall hope for still more statements in that line,and the whole,with this,might be kept for Dr.Barton on his return, and let him & all be assured that Cole feels the"set time to favor Zion"in the land of the Czar seems very near. May the Lord hasten the day!

Geneva, July 22/07 R. M. Cole

Prospects of work in Armenia

Feb 22-1917

Rec'd AUG 1 1907

Dublin, August 6th 1907

Dear Mr. Bell;-

Your kind communication of the 18th ult. reached us in due course at the hands of our London friend A. Keen Esq. and we thank you much for it.

Yes, that vote as to Mr. Lockwell will have come to you hand, and so the matter been explained. Tho Mr. L. may not be up to the top-notch in education (& we knew he was only for business in the industrial dept) we thought as Miss Shattuck sought for him and he seemed to have come out with the indorsement of the Board he must at least be a Christian man & well up in the trades, as, indeed, what the March Herald said of him, implied; and from this Each Van was quick to ask for him through its intercessional vote that reached Eu when we were there not a few seemed to have confidence in him, and why not? Bettis is well certainly so far as to seize hold of them for the sake of our industrial & also the company for the Elys till the new missionary may be on the ground. Just why he is 'not ~~be~~ fitted for Bettis' but might be

P.S. I may add that I have written Rev. Dr. Ewen & also Mr. Bradley & Mr. Hartwell to give what aid they may in arranging a delivery in the north & also to have inside with him & so have unity and mutual sympathy.

Yours faithfully
Pratt Frisbie
as Sec'y.

for you you do not explain so as to satisfy us. However that is not a matter, perhaps, for me to inquire after so much more especially as from from what Miss Mary Ely writes us she would not influence on the Stockwells stopping there lest, you at the Rooms slacken your efforts at finding the permanent new missionary family. I wrote them I could not feel you there would cease your earnest effort in that direction.

As for any of the other stations of the Mission coming to the rescue of the Elys even for the winter I am afraid there is little hope of that save strong pressure be brought to bear, as was the case on our Erzm station when in the end we after a so-journ of two years to start the work in Erzingan - had hardly unpacked & set up in the new house the Chambers Bros. had built in Cam to take the place of ours & W. H. C's that had been burned with our things in it, volunteered to help out Bitlis for a year per injunction from Boston, since the Cs made hard work of deciding to go.

As for the Ely sisters' withdrawing from Bitlis for a while, as you hint, I doubt very much if they would do so till one of them might break down when naturally they would give up the work

altogether and return to America, which would be a great pity if not injustice to worthy self-denying workers who, you must know all these nearing 39 years have borne half their expenses - they only taking one salary between them.

- But naturally you friends at those Rooms take into account all these things & I hardly need even hint at them only that we feel so strongly about it.

- As you will see from the head of this sheet we are on the "Emerald Isle". we coming here chiefly at the urgent request of Lady Lee Anderson a warm patron of the orphanage & Armenian relief cause in Turkey (though hitherto she has not sent large sums for Britis) some years it having run up to 800 & even a 1,000 pounds. Her committee, whose ground work is prayer rather than open appeal, has sent more to Hintab than elsewhere beginning with Dr. Fuller's time, but I am sorry to say the good Lady's feelings, is also that of the Com^e, have been hurt by the course of Pres. Merrill in his decision to sell the Board's building that has for these years accommodated their 80-100 orphans, and that without consulting her as to it, though he claims to be backed up by his station perhaps it is. she is not sure as to that. Of course we are allowing our German workers

in Mensh region to use the Boards property in similar ways. Our only condition in Compact. Copy of which we send the Rooms is that it be used for same purposes we had used it for, they keep them in repairs pay taxes &c. This good Lady who is using us here, at Belfast & a few other places on the way to our steamer, to kindle more interest in the cause so near their heart, wished me to talk up the Aintab matter with you friends, but we are to be so late and are not to land at Boston but at N.Y. where our two sons almost impatiently await us. I do not see that we may meet so very soon & I fear the Aintab business may be ended if not already & so much money withheld & possibly those orphans turned into the street. If you have not explanations satisfactory possibly you might think best to telegraph them to delay the sale somewhat.

You ask as to our steamer; it is the Lucrezia of Anchor line. rather a small boat & hardly first class line, but was the best we could book - there being nothing at Liverpool or Southampton save we struck for more expensive steamers & took first class costing some £75 for 3 tickets in place of our £38 from Glasgow. We do not go over there, but visiting here as we do we are to take the boat at or near Londonderry north where it makes its only call (for passengers) till it reaches N.Y. We sail the 17th inst. but probably it will take 8 or 9 days in crossing - thus bringing us into N.Y. if God will, on the 25th or 26th proximo. These delays give us some rest & we hope helps the cause. Very sincerely yours.

(See over, 1st month) H. Cole

Dunkirk, Chautauqua Co. N.Y. 6.1.1907

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AUG 30 1907

New York, August 28th 1907

James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

You if back from the East, or your representatives may be interested that we reached this port only yesterday after rather successful tho rather slow (ten days) journey from Londonderry north of Ireland.

Our slow trip tho we had upon the whole been fortunate. Our delays en route were at Cologne, Frebd. Geneva & Ireland, after only a week in London though all some the week in L. have entered little into expense of the journey since they were friends and would not accept remuneration and Mr. Lavore of Geneva strongly urged us to hold on much longer than we did.

Failing to secure passage from Liverpool London or Southampton some we were to delay too long because of such toward America we booked by Glasgow Anchor line, since we were to visit Lady Anderson (per her urgent request) over in Dublin and to get first

class tickets (3) for £38 or not more than would be second class

rate on the higher class boats, as you can see, and so took in visits with not a few patrons of our Turkey cause as per their own desire - had two or three meetings as per their arrangement, and were eagerly desired by more at Belfast to go there but strikes &c. were so badly on it hardly seemed feasible for us to go there; so after spending what time we felt to spare in Ireland we went north to Londonderry to take our boat just arrived from Glasgow and had a rather restful voyage for us pretty well accustomed to sea life since embarking Trebt but - like Turkey life! - were rather slow - whole ten days - in reaching the pier here where our two sons to welcome us! After passing a few days here with visiting them at above address (top of this leaflet) we pass on to our two daughters in Oberlin or Oberlin whence you will hear from us again -

Yours in much haste

but with a welcome home to you!

R. M. Cox

P.S. Shall probably leave here for Oberlin, the coming Tuesday, Sept 3/07

See margin - 1st page

New York, N. Y. Aug 28-1907.

Ans'd SEP 21 1907. Rec'd SEP 13 1907

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
Sept. 10th 1907

Rev. Enoch F. Bell,
Acting Secy of Board

Dear Mr. Bell:—

Many thanks for your so kind communication of the 5th inst. which came promptly though Dr. Patton's of 12th has delayed somewhere. As you think so shall we be glad to come to your rescue if we might but do something to help on in finding the right man for Bitlis. By taking the southern route via Syrian coast he could go even now or later, for Mrs. C. & our youngest daughter once left America 10th of Oct. & did not reach Bitlis till 3d Jan. but had a good trip even by old Sibaltic all the way, only snow for the last 10 hours & not much then. Hence, should the man be found let him set out soon as possible so the Ely sisters be not alone the coming winter by all means! The B. pastor writes me report has it the Catholics are to send a missionary to B. to open a work & so all the more reason for having our man there. The Ely sisters speak of no such thing in their last letter & we hope it will turn out only a rumor.

We are assuring Lady Lee Anderson by letter as we tried to by word of mouth while with her, that the building in Antioch will not be sold as long as they wish to use it for their orphans. I wrote Mr. Peet, Cowgill, in that line & he answers me he has also taken up the case in writing Antioch, has written Boston also & requested some to do so. It would seem a great pity to dry up such a supply of money for poor orphans for sake of a few hundred dollars. Let it be sold when they are done with it, for this will not invest money in such as the orphanage is not to be continued long anyway.

Thanks for your note of caution that I work beyond my strength & I feel I must hone the winter mostly for rest so far as outside work is concerned.

As I am requested to, probably I shall take some part in the Cleveland meeting. We shall be glad to meet you friends of those Rooms at Cleveland - many of them being only known to us through the pen till now.

Hastily, cordially yours

R. M. Cole

Cleveland - Oct. 10-18?

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My dear Mr. Bell,

I will see Young of 10th inst. caused me to drop everything and send back as soon as possible though the photos are not yet ready but will be in a few days when I will forward them. Young seems to me they need to go to a Mr. Ross but will look it up, but should I send to you please kindly see they reach the proper party, for I am pushed these days.

Hastily yr

R. M. Cole

Oberlin
Sept. 13/07

R. M. Cole

Oberlin O. Sept. 13 1907.

RECEIVED
C. H. PATTON
SEP 21 1907

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Sept.19th,1907.

Rev.Cornelius H.Patton, D.D., Home Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.,
Congregational House Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Patton;-

I note what you say about supply of Bitlis from some one of the other stations of the Mission. Unfortunately all the stations of our Mission are rather weak-hardly fully-manned now for sometime. Naturally Erzroom must be counted out,as Dr.U.is all alone & overworked. As for Van, you may know that Dr.U.needed to get away to an Aintab meeting of doctors so he could have a vacation & so get a change if not absolute rest. Dr.Raynolds,too,is in great danger of breaking down in health,as Mr.McDowell of Persian Mission told us in passing south to visit their work south. As for Harpoot I wrote urging Mr.Knapp to return to scenes of his childhood,at least for a time; but neither he nor his station seemed ready to consider it at all. As for Cons/ple & Smryna I have written them up also before leaving Bitlis but found little hope in any of them save your Rooms gave pressure, and hence,after holding on two years with vain hope,we came away reluctantly.

But really why not work desperately for a new man-one rather on in years and practical as well as mature-fairly conservative,for no new ideas would go down in that field as looking to Theol.& Bible doctrines-first of all with the Elys-we up there are apt to seek the old paths of Gospel truth. Let him be a wide-awake,spiritual man of good business habits in Acct,etc. and even if he were not so brilliant a scholar he should fill the bill for the Elys & for that field,& they of safe judgment in all matters would be better to initiate him safely into the work than some of us older men, I trow!

Yes,should I happen Princeton way I will watch for the man!

I herewith send you the three photos in separate envelope, as you requested though they do not satisfy us very well-fault of the subject most likely. They have mounted them on such small paper! If you wish it changed it can be done there,or returned here & I will have him change it. Am not sure but you will like my"Ping-pong"taken in New York better. Will send one on my "visiting card"as sometimes term this one with sample of Armenian tongue. You can inform Mr.J.H.Ross of your building that Cole will try to anwer the "roll call"as soon as the 23d inst. in type-written copy of what he may try put in at Cleveland on the 39 years of service in a so short 15 minutes!

Sincerely yours,

Royal M. Cole for C.M.M.

Forgot to sign name

and cloth woven by our orphan boys in our factory.

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Sept.24/07.

Rev.James L.Barton, D.D.

Foreign Secretary of A.B.C.F.M.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Barton;-

Right glad are we to welcome you home also, tho at one time we thought possibly we should arrive in the country before you would.

We thank you much for not forgetting we are on these shores now for a few weeks, and busy as you must be you took time to salute us as well.

Of course we shall hear in a public way at Cleveland how it has fared with you delegates & the Lord's work whither you have visited in the lands, and so we will presume on nothing personal from you at present, and should not even take your time for the reading of much from us at this time; but we did wish to show our appreciation of your thoughtfulness not only of us, also of poor Bitlis in its languishing condition. We have written your office about as usual, and especially as to the Bitlis situation, and hardly need refer more to the subject at any time. As per Dr.Patton's hint,as also that of Mr.Bell, we will do what we can to help drum up recruits for that so important post up in Kourdistan.

With cordial greetings from Mrs.C.& our daughter Nellie(back with us through Erzroom by outright invitation & Treb.by hints,etc. tried to turn her aside to help in the emergency,) with myself join in most cordial greetings to you & yours,

Most sincerely,

R. M. Cole

Gustave Wallace, Jr., Gen. Sec.-Treas.

Mrs. James Lawrence, D.S.

Foreign Secretary of A.E.C.P.M.,

Boston, Mass.

My dear Mrs. Lawrence,-

Right glad are we to welcome you home again, and at the
longest possible we should arrive in the country before you would.

We thank you much for not forgetting we are on these shores, and
we wish, the best as you want to you took time to assure us as well.

Of course we shall see in a public way at Cleveland how it was, and
if you encourage & the Lord's work which you have visited in the issue,
so we will pressure on holding messages from you as present, and should
we even take your time for the reading of much from us at this time, but
we did also to make our appreciation of your thoughtfulness not only to us,
but of poor Hilda in its inadequate condition. We have written your
office about as usual, and especially as to the Hilda situation, and have
need refer more to the subject at any time. As per Dr. Peters's letter,
and that of Mr. Hall, we will do what we can to help draw up resolutions
on so important case as in Kuropatan.

With cordial greetings from Mrs. G. & our daughter Hildebrand with us
though Errors of current invitation & Trophy Lines, etc. Glad to have
had access to help in the emergency, with deep sympathy more cordial
greetings to you & yours.

Most sincerely,

Rec'd OCT 26 1907

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Oct 23/07

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:

We trust you friends had a safe & pleasant trip back home. But you are busy at the office of course. I only take the liberty of reminding you of what doubtless you will have attended to (1) Written as to that Mr. Irwin at Zocab to order him on to Beirut at once (2) as to the Antioch House you are to write to Lady Lee Ogilvie Madison, 74 Lower Baggot St. Dublin, Ireland. The time to speak of her might be forgotten with some others of us too hard on this kind: and should the decision be that Mr. Irwin goes before winter perhaps you will announce it by tel. to the poor Olys! He could go via Syrian coast. Hastily &c R. M. Cole

Rec'd NOV 4 1907

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, O. Nov. 2/07

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Yours of 20th ult. just at hand & I listen to say that the question of remuneration for our Nellie, as per vote then referred from the Mission ~~was sent~~ work purely with no suggestion from us. But passing on my way, as do many of the Mission did in going to Van meeting they seem to have noticed the good, important place she was filling in the work at B. and how she at the Van meeting was on committee just like any of the teachers writing a letter to one of the societies &c. the mission made the more - not the less it is not like them you know. Probably the missionaries they thought non English & German workers like her but less efficient (as she had a language at hand from the 1st having a class of 25 boys in Sab. sch. the first Sunday she was there) had come out on salary & full expense & with outfit. One who signed the vote felt it should been for the full time she was there - all the more so as she had lost the larger half of her wardrobe (over $100 value) in going out. We knew not as to the vote & what had come of it till now. Gen report it, nor had Mr. Higgins knowledge of it, and

So he had ordered on the orphanage fund that was in his hands to such extent there was hardly enough to cover half her expense out & back, and surely the poor orphans were in need of it. I do not feel he could have more come from the fund for her & this was interest on two half the Harrises of Birmingham, & gave that they were quite willing should go in this way; nor should we hardly feel to have it referred to W. B. M. to carry, nor to have it agitated any way. You all those Rooms know on Cole's trend in trying to move the Board funds - the last time in coming home via Syrion coast so much so Mr. Higgin thought by some mistake I could not have charged all expense in this last time with a family as we were & leaving B. at more expensive time to reach coast, tho as I explained to Mr. Higgin, it was dearer & regret to say.

Mr. H. has asked as to our desire respecting an allowance & when it should begin, and whether the secretaries had arranged as to it. I replied that we naturally should need such as we here keeping house & carrying expense of our daughter in college, as you know. Perhaps he will have consulted with you on this point. We arrived here the first days of Sept. I think it was the 6th or 7th. We are in your hands, "you know."

Hastily, but sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

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Judson Cottage Oberlin, O. Nov 2/07

My dear Dr. Barton;

Many thanks for favors of 28th ult. as to Mr. Irwin's going to Bitis Rivers for the Mission to be consulted, but of their intention writing N. Y. M. at once as to it.

Yes, we are quite aware of rules on such questions, but are thinking more of local things to in C. S. M. than N. Y. probably, as does our way especially at Aff. Many questions are settled & new buildings run up that others fix in the smaller stations hardly know of till, perhaps, we go there & see them. But you are quite right in seeking this safe side with N. Y. Glad you have to write them; but why not talk it up well with Dr. A. S. Bateman who goes to consult yet I think, for he is member of that Com. & Inter. of importance and his influence would be great with them and with his indorsement it should be safe. In any case you will have talked him up as to it, and perhaps I should write him, but as he is soon to sail, perhaps I better write Mr. Peet & Mr. Irwin himself hoping he alone, at least, might visit on to B. before winter, as the boys would take

good care of him, and if there should be a Mission meeting the coming season Martin will claim the turn when his good wife (highly spoken of) could join him at Martin & so Bill's delegate three turn to B. together.

Now is not this a good vision of bowls? May the Lord prosper! Meanwhile I am going to try & work up a case at old Princeton, as I wrote you vobils ere you arrived. "Here a little, there a little" if first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Hastily cordially

R. M. Cox

P. S. Should you see London Christian of Sept 26th you would see how one of the Editors wrote & pictured us up; while at N York the Christian Herald Editor on a 30th number treated us similarly & how our group of three pictured together. Probably you are too busy to care to take time for such extra reading, but if not you could easily get hold of the N. Y. H. if it is not found on your table, tho the London Editor worked up a still longer tale. — C.

NOV 25 1907

rivall. Destroy this after ready.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Have you asked Dr. Ur-
wood directly as ~~to Mr.~~ Stapleton's
intent as I am to help him (also not
if you going over Mr. S's books but
the age generally here terribly behind
at least his own. Supposing you ask

him on this point. He hinted at my speaking to you as to matters but I said I was an outsider & it did not pertain to me but advised him to speak out which he said he would do if asked; perhaps he has written tho probably you have not asked, as you naturally might not think to do so; still it may be safer to do so if you have not. Of course Mr. S. is an earnest worker & we wish him well. Hastily R. M. C

Rec'd NOV 25 1907

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, O. Nov. 22/07

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Many thanks for yours of 15th inst. enclosing the copy of circular we have read with interest, and which circular we are passing round to other missionaries to read.

If because of sickness of Mr. Irwin he cannot hasten on to Bitlis this season let us hope he may do so the coming one. So far as I know simply visiting parties from Van does not afford much help or great comfort. What they want is permanency rather than mere guests I think is the only sisters feeling from what they write. I sometimes wonder if it would not be worth the while for good Dr. & Mrs. R. to come out to B. perhaps for the winter, or long enough so Van would miss & even seek him more keenly than certain do these later times. I may say it here & to you, as this letter is not en route for Turkey, that with the bitter feeling the revolutionists have for so long rolled up against him, we do hope they will not try a bullet on him, as they so often do just as cruelly on some others! did in N.Y. City even last year on a wealthy Armenian from

Apl. nay, as you must have heard though you were absent from the country soon after it if not before and may not have heard. I notice not a few but it is the German influence at Van that so rises up against him, possibly from a little jealousy from the strange attitude of that strange Mr. Sperri (if I get his name right). But we hope better things of them for we have not seen such in our Mr. von Dobbeler who just hates the revolutionists most violently in speaking among ourselves. May the Lord lead!

As to our dear Nellie's case he did think possibly the vote of the mission & aimed right to the W. B. C. F. M. & not W. B. M., would take its usual course before your people though, as he wrote you we had nothing to do with such a vote, but all things considered - her valuable service & need in course of 2d yr she has resumed here ~~& her Bros. & over loads on trunks~~ - certain of the fraternity sent around a vote for one year's salary seems to me we heard & so he put in no protest against that hasty if though did not feel to have it come before the W. B. M. Miss Burnell of Erz & the Underwoods urge her to come be her associate & similar approaches were made to her at Yrzeh with hints by the Elys - tho we feel the latter place's climate would not agree with her. Hastily &c

R. M. Cole

have no serious difficulty there in M. regions. We are glad for their visit & even a few days on the Elys, for our compact with them, copy of which we send, seems calls for one or two such meetings to help hold us together & clear away misunderstandings that could not be so adjusted through correspondence. Poor Dr. R. I regret to say has also only remaining a few days, so that Miss E. Ely writes as I have hinted on other leaflet "Oh, for a permanency & would the new missionary might come at once. Dr. Ussher writes & Miss E. quotes how enthusiastic he & the German "Sister Clara" were over the Kinjan region 3 days S. E. of B. where I have toured. Was particularly captivated with the scenery he thought even rivals that of the Alps! He found himself much improved in health on getting back to Con. Oh, that he might hold on a year longer & so Dr. R. come over to help the Ex. Why, he held on nearly or quite 13 years once without seeing America - my mother dying during that time & Miss Farnham of H. G. has not seen it now for 17 years as we learned from Dr. Gregan's so interesting address at the meeting this morning. So don't let them cling to fast rules for the home coming. Mr. Stapleton made argument that his father was aged which seemed to call more for his coming but to all who saw him at Cleveland felt he was all right for preaching yet. R. M. E.

Oberlin O. Nov. 22-1907.

Dr. Bartons from Mr. Cole. P. S.

Since writing my other leaflet & on the eve of sending it away to you came a very interesting & full letter from Miss C. Eby (who so seldom writes letters) to our daughter Nellie A., and as it speaks of the work of our German allies at Moush Mr. & Mrs von Dobbeler. Both they & Dr. Raynolds arrived in B. on the same day. The former came apparently because of trouble with the Gregorian owner of the house they had rented for five years paying in advance. When they moved in from quarters for the summer I helped arrange on them at hands of our pastor Kirkere. The man ~~Sultan~~ Nazaret Agha did not get on well with the Eng. Consul in Sassoun times who lived in same house. Mr. von D. seemed to feel the Mutesserif of M. was rather in league with Nazaret agha, a somewhat wealthy man, and who is in the Mutesserifs meylises I think, and so he & wife started at once for Bitlis where the Gov'r Genl. resides to appeal to him. But they had not much more than reached B. when word came that a telegram of rebuke had come to Mr. Mutesserif for not taking the Germans' part in the case, and so they (the Ds) planned starting back the following day. Mr. v. D. is somewhat impulsive but we hope he will

Rec'd DEC 20 1907

Dec 16/07

Many thanks for your letter just received. I am putting before Dr. Raynolds this station the Pittis scheme for him & for it, for a time at least, but I fear from a somewhat lengthy & sad letter from his discouragement, he sent Mrs. Farnelee & which reached us at the hands of a half sister of his Elysium at Fredonia, N.Y. there can be little hope in that direction.

As for Mr. Stapleton it was not in my mind a hint that he return, but only to learn if Dr. Underwood had done what he spoke of my doing but which I told him was not my place but that he should write you. If he had changed his mind we are glad but wonder he did not write us as to it. As you hint it gets us all on our nerves to find men!

As to the Stapletons returning to Em via a delay at Apia, if I were to express my opinion, would there not be doubt as to its propriety? In the first place would he like it if he mistrusted the intent of it. And would it not work against him on his return to Em especially among natives who are quick to smell out reasons, especially such as are against Mr. S. not a little anyway. And if he were to be

lent Hartford meanwhile who would go over to help Dr. Underwood in his danger of breaking down, as we said; If Mr. Browne or some one were to go from H. in that case, why not let the Stapletons return to Lum but one like Mr. Browne, living as a boarder in no family at present, go over to help out at least for some months when he could indoctrinate Mr. C. into H. methods without natives suspecting the intent - more especially as Dr. Underwood seemed planning on his vacation when the Ds were back if they came. This method would be less expense to the Board, for I do not see how the Ds could set up in H. without their things, while a single man, as it were, going over from H. would be simple. I throw out these hints for what they are worth -

Mrs. Parsons, who needed more quiet than was possible in the Yank sort of boarding house begged to come to our home, and was with us somewhat improved till a partial paralysis of the right side came upon her, and the doctors thought best to take her to the local hospital where she now is. She being well on in her 85th year will find it harder to get about - it was not easy for her before to walk or talk & now she can do neither. She seems a little better & our Dr. Van Allen who has the case in hand, has some hope she may get back to her former status, but I doubt it much -

With cordial greetings from the Cole quintette, R. M. Cole

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Dec.16th, 1907.

Rev.James L.Barton, D.D., Sec'y of the American Board,

Dear Dr.Barton:- You will recall that the late Rev.Newton H.Bell, for some years previous to his death a successful pastor at large or superintendent for the Pres.Home Soc.in Minn.-following his pastorate in Minneapolis, was,with his wife missionary for some three years in our Mardin,but owing to Mrs.Bell's health he was forced to return to this country,much to his regret, for he loved the work & entered upon it with much enthusiasm.

His poor wife has been an invalid much of the time since owing in part at least,they felt, to the long horseback ride in from the coast. Some four years since her husband was taken with partial paralysis on the cars on his way to an oppointment,and passed away in a few hours-before any of the fam- could reach him,and naturally this was a great shock to her. We know not that any notice respecting his death entered the Herald,or if it did it did not reach us in Turkey,as many Heralds & papers did not reach us you know. Just now we hear from his daughter,Mrs.Florence B.Grime,wife of a Pres'n pastor at Spencerport, N.Y.-under date of the 13th inst.-that her mother had died at noon of the previous day after five weeks severe suffering from what the doctor called heart trouble with dropsy complications. As I write this the afflicted daughter starts to take the lifeless form out to Minneapolis to deposit it beside that of the dear companion.

Mrs.Bell was a Curtiss from Conn.and half sister of late Prof Curtiss of Chicago Congregational Theol.Sem'y,and was an able graduate of Kimball Union Academy of Meriden, N.H. She was a devoted wife & mother but suffered much of the time from poor health. She leaves three daughters married to a minister,another a doctor & the third to an arcitect-all in pleasant homes & she was most tenderly cared for; still she seemed desirous of going to the "better country"-where there should be no more suffering. She calmly talked of the change that was nearing-said to her daughter"I shall soon change this world for the world beautiful",etc.F"Asleep in Jesus,blessed sleep".

Mr.Bell & I were warm friends from the time we entered Amherst college together in '62, roomed together much of the time there & at the Sem'y,and on my going to Turkey we kept up regular correspondence which he claimed had much to do with his volunteering to come also out to that country. When he was gone we kept up occasional correspondence with Mrs.Bell & her daughters and it was not many weeks ago-very soon after our Board's Cleveland meeting & before the five weeks suffering referred to above,that poorly as she was she was able to pencil us a somewhat lengthly letter showing clearly the deep interest she had taken in said meeting as it was reported in the papers. Alas that our reply was a few hours too late for her eyes to behold,for the Lord had taken her.

This much I pass along feeling sure you & the Board's constituency may like to hear about those who drop out of the ranks,and should there be a desire to show the faces of this worthy couple,probably you have on file their photos taken some years ago.

Sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

Dec. 16-1907

Rev. Dr. Pierson

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Mr. Enoch F. Bell, Acting Secy of Board.

My dear Mr. Bell; —

Yours of the 16th inst. at hand tho the tals are not yet. Will see to following out your directions as to them. Perhaps I should write Dr. Patton more & less to Dr. Barton whom I write something every week or two & so he is well posted as to our movements & he looked in upon us when in Berlin following Cleveland meeting. As an old C. E. M. ourselves perhaps we take more liberties with him, but trust he will tell us to behave if we do not as we ought. We had pleasure in the quite too brief visits of Drs. Creegan & Patton

here, and such visits kindle more interest among the students naturally for the foreign work.

Sincerely yours

Dec. 18/07

F. M. Cole

Corvallis - Or.

Dec. 18-1907.

Confidential

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Janary 8th'08

Rev.James L.Barton, D.D.,

Sec'y of American Board,

Dear Dr.Barton;-

We hope the new year is opening propitiously for you at those Rooms & for the work of our beloved Society, and we would pass along our warm wishes for such results all along the line.

We get no very encouraging news from Bitlis,nor E.T.generally.It seems things are bad in many respects,tho you know better than we.

We hope you may soon have news as to that Mr.Irwin whether there is any hope he will go to Bitlis. I have written him & friends at C. Do you know we have thought seriously it might be worth while to allow Mr.Richardson to return at least temporarily,possibly to be in E while the Stapletons go to Bitlis because she is a Dr.and the Es are likely to accept them but would be more doubt as to Mr.R. I am approaching them on the matter & asking them to telegraph"Fernstalk Boston"(you)Richardson Yes,or Stapletons Yes"as the case might be & Mr. R.could start almost at once to go alone. The poor man got into debt from sickness & death of his wife in hospital & so is in business under name of Deering-Richardson Company,416 Guranty Loan Building,Minneapolis,Minn. for real estate & will be out of debt the first of Feb.& could start for B.in two weeks. But,come to think of it,I think I better send his letters for you to read & return at your convenience. You recall that in your last you hinted that the great need necessitated holding on to men unless there was something decidedly wrong about them. Pehaps that would lead us to think again of Mr. R.

⊗ Should they not be equally if not more careful in the matter of doubtful and not to be received than

Both Mr.R.& Mr.S.seem like bustling buiness men rather than ministers,perhaps; but Mr.S.never will learn even Armenian well while Mr.R.has a pretty good command of both the Armenian & Turkish & likely the Elys would consent to his rushing on to help out till the Ses could get back to the Mission wheresoever they went. If they went to Hpt.as you have hinted,and the Es would not put up with R.longer than he could go back to E.where he per se, should be quite as popular with the natives as Mr.S.tho Mrs.S's being a Dr.helps out not a little, but this last would apply all the more in B.where she could take the healthbill of the Circle ,schools,etc.but not practise outside.

I am taking some liberty,perhaps,in sending you Mr.R's letters,but you need not"let on"about them in writing him,if you should do so.

The truth is we begin to fear that B.we have held onto so long may be in danger of being given up &"beggars should not be choosers"we have said more than once to the Es,for who wants to go to B.is apt to be said & new men are wholly inexperienced & could hardly be on the ground under a year nearly.

We are sending you under separate cover what you & possibly Herald editor might care to glance at following which we would like for our file. The long article in the London Christian was what one of its editors who interviewed us drew out of us three & wrote down shorthand,while in the christian Herald N.Y.City the editor got after us or we had not been there. More money for Bitlis seems to result. Our Nellie is in more or less demand to speak-is not yet back from visits in N.Y.State & Tiusville,Penn.where are patrons of our Orph. cause. We have figured in two receptions here,last one at special request of Pres.King on his New Years-we showing up Turkey home,etc. When nearly 1000 present. But it so tired me as to indicate I cannot stand what I thought I could. In a word reaction seems upon us & we were quite too late in getting out of B.hard position. I hardly call myself the"broken down old warhorse", however, as our missionary Dr.VanAllen said yesterday in his nasty glance of my status before he left for New York where he is to at work in the hospital for some five months.

However we are getting on pretty well,thank Heaven!

Yours sincerely,

Aug 8 1904.

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Rec'd FEB 3 1908

Judson Cottage, Oberlin Ohio.
Jan 31/08

Rev. Enoch F. Bell
Assistant Sec'y of A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Mr. Bell,

Many thanks for your last so cordial missive. It is pleasant to think we met at Cleveland even though it was for so brief a time. Some how we are all to have in our mind's eye some sort of an image of persons we are writing to. But how much better to have the living image before one & not the imaginative one!

I sent in to Dr. Patton another of his hostels the other day. We are not likely to change our place of abode for some months at least. We are passing time rather quietly, but kept pretty busy - our co-operative housekeeping making no little demand upon us all for our three daughters are pretty well pushed in their sch. duties.

We wonder what news comes to the Rooms from Turkey, & Bitlis in particular, for we hear so very little, letters seeming to go astray from what we hear, even Dr. Underwood complaining to his home in Jamestown where Nellie went in her trip, that their letters were searched also. O Turkey & Russia how long!

Hastily, Cordially Yours,

R. W. Cole

Oberlin O. Jan. 31-1908.

FEB 3 1908

Oberlin Ohio, Jan 31/08

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Your kind missive of 14th inst. was gratefully received. I was sorry to hear that Mr. Irwin can do nothing for Bitlis this winter; but may we infer from that there is hope for him later we wonder? Added to the loneliness in which the poor Ely's are it would seem we are far from being in good communication with them their last to us being about a month ago in which they spoke as tho they were getting few of our almost weekly letters to them. Our Nellie in her trip to Titusville Penn. for B. orphanage cause, went via Dr. Underwoods home Jamestown, N. Y. and Dr. U. wrote them as if our letters too were searched! (O that Turkey & Russia too) how long!

We had a brief tho pleasant visit from Dr. Thom last week & he has passed on to Minn. where he planned to see Mr. Richardson en route. He is a warm advocate of Mr. R. He speaks well, too, of Mr. Larkin who seems doing well here in hard study & at some time has charge of a small church nine miles out. Tho he makes no allusion to health as against his return to Mardin (where Dr. T. says they wish for him &

have invited him back, but being the only child of his parents now bordering on age they cannot spare him to return & so he gives it up for all he has in enthusiasm in the work out there & keeps up his language. Jer. spoke to Theol. Semy on Mohammedanism some two weeks since I was here present. He did very well but spoke "open" as he said missionaries to return would not do.

You will be interested in knowing that there are four if not five Armenians in study here. two from Sivas, one from Constple & one rather late graduate from our B. High Sch. He taught for a time in our B. Sch. went as teacher to Aghogh village of Akhlat, came near being thrust into prison & from fear has got to flee the country bringing along his sister now at Fresno, Cal. who graduated from Girls Sch. & taught our orphan girls in it for a sometime. They are both good, hopeful young people, whose father died some years since & was teacher for a time before we came to B. field. They are from large Khoultig village 2½ hours from B.

We hope you hear oftener than we from B. for both their & our letters miscarry obviously, as per their last. It would seem the Eng. vice consul has gone to take up his post at Diar. where there has been trouble from what we hear. Our Nellie got grip while away in Penn. was abed two days, but got home & seems over it now.

The family from Mardin are with us yet. She is busy at kindergarten & would might find the work for B.!

Greetings to all that the above may concern.

Sincerely

F. M. Cole

ec'd FEB 24 1908

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, O.
Feb. 19th 1908

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

As I am writing Mr. Wiggin perhaps I might include a few lines to you possibly to be read by Mr. Bell, whose kind letter showing much sympathy for Bitlis I was to acknowledge to you I understand him, for he being your assistant would have all go on under your name. He counts himself "only a voice" but surely a pleasant one it is & would it might tell us of the man prepared for Bitlis! Our last letters from B. were very discouraging on many accounts. Our B. Gov. Genl was off on the Persian frontier leaving only his vakil in B. Mr. Peet writes he hopes Mr. Yarrow may go over in the spring to help Miss Mary Ely gather up the accts as she has sent Mr. P. no sem accts. since we came away. We have gotten several small amts for our B. orphanage industrial work. am asking Mr. Wiggin this time to send $23.00

We had a letter a few days since from good Lady Lee Anderson, 74 Lower Boggot St. Dublin, Ireland, and she speaks most gratefully of the adjustment of the Aintab orphanage building matter & was so glad for the kind letter you wrote her about it she even copied & sent it on to us. And to see how important it is to win such ones, as perhaps I hinted in writing before, for she is

such a warm friend of our work in Turkey for humanity. She & her dear friend, Mrs. Madeleine Cole of London (whose genealogy seems to run in line with ours) have sent you Mr Bittis £421.00 - £171.00 of it being at her (H's) hands of which £21. was for B. relief. Fearing lest the Elys be not able to attend to relief, it seems not much is being sent. Miss Ely & also Mrs. von Dobbeler of Monsli have made appeals which we have seen by favor of the Wheelers, Worcester. We are very sorry for the conditions in Turkey which seem in danger of growing worse from the Austria-Hungarian R.R. concession, and yet the poor Elys there all alone!

We are having rather a mild winter in O. thus far & not enough snow for much sleighing the last Mr Bittis letters reported. Four feet already for that place. With cordial greetings I am

Yours sincerely

R. M. Cole

Oberlin O.

Feb. 19-1908.

MAR 13 1908

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
March 10/08

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many thanks for the so good hope you reported for the Bittis new man, and now comes Dr. Patton's letter saying the man has actually been appointed! Bless God for that good news & I hope we can gain in endurance more now B. is to have help. But do you know it does seem to me if it be possible at least one (better if two) lady teacher were found to go along with Mrs. Maynard. Naturally the Elys themselves wish to hunt among their friends for their successors & they did hint they had written to some one somewhere about it. We feel strongly at least one should be there getting the language & ways of things, and how would it do to talk it up with the W. B. M. about it, tho we prefer our names not be used in connection with it. If one of them breaks down & had to leave the other would go then what for the school; besides young Mrs. Maynard would enjoy a younger lady so far as society goes.

I volunteer these thoughts for what they are worth & you will weigh them.

We thank you for information as to the cablegram from Van. Mrs. Parmelee writes us from Northampton, Mass. that she hears from Miss Wheeler that she (Miss W.) writes Boston papers had it as "a fact" that a church had been blown up by A. agitators when the Turks were attempting to move it. Probably you at the Rooms have fuller & more reliable news than this even. Heaven ~~grant~~ grant glad I came near writing for I am almost "rattled" on getting the good news for Bittis, so write strangely you see. Oh, that you & the W.B.M. might find the right lady to go along with the Mrs. I shall urge to leave early. We had our hands on Mr. Stauffer to ordain him for the Shansi mission some days since. There are many volunteers here in Oberlin & we might hope for a lady for Bittis perhaps.

Very sincerely Yours

R. M. Cole

Oberlin O. Mar. 10 1908.

P.S. Per direction I acknowledged Mr. Bell's good letter in my last to you but write Dr. Patton, as he directed from N.Y. as to arranging to meet the Maynard & perhaps I should go to N.Y. to see them. R.M.C.

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C. H. PATTON
MAR 23 1908
Ans.

Judson Cottage Oberlin Ohio.
March 10th 1908

Rev. Cornelius H. Patton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Patton:-

How rejoiced we are for the so good news for Bittis you write us! and we would answer by return telling you so. I am also ~~also~~ writing our son in N.Y. who must have known him the year he was in the same Seminary with him, and sending a line of pleasant welcome to the young brother at hands of our son.

Yes, he shall be most happy to meet both him & his fiancée sometime & somewhere. June is going to be a crowded month most naturally - is much going on here at the seventy fifth anniversary of this college, at Clifton Springs, &c. From what you write it would seem as if the good lady of his must be in or near N.Y. or will be in June when they will go west together & so could visit us, as you hint. Perhaps I should go to N.Y. & see them, tho naturally they will wish to see Mrs. C. & our daughter Nellie A. who, as you know, was out helping us in B. 2½ years & came on with us. I should think he might be here though

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if you should think best I might go on to them in N.Y. for a few days, tho we should expect them to visit us here as they pass, should we be at our pic-nic home Dr. Barton and I presented him a Turkey dish of madzoun, but you did not find time to come down to us. Whatever arrangements may seem to you & them most satisfactory we will try hard to conform to.

We shall hope to improve more now we know re inforcement is certain for Bitlis, and I shall urge upon them to hasten on as early as possible.

Most sincerely yours

K. M. Cole

P.S. Mr. Dudley if I have the name correct called on a talk about going to Turkey on graduating from college in June. He talked with you & says you wrote down his name. He is a volunteer. He wishes to go out as tutor for two or three years & wonders if he could do work among the Y. M. Ass. I advised him to write you about it to fill one of five places you spoke of here now open - Mt. Marsovan, &c.

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MAR 20 1908

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, March 18th, 1908.

Rev.E.E.Strong, D.D.

Dear Dr.Strong:-

Very many thanks for the news as to Mr. Maynard, as also for a few particulars respecting the young brother. As per your suggestion & as I had in mind to do in such a case, I am writing him a welcome,as is our good custom in our Mission for the new missionaries, and this will be the first welcome from the E.T.workers,I take it & is handed him even before he has his Sem'y diploma in hand or has set out for Terkey. Mrs.Cole, & our two daughters more recently back from Bitlis, will also give his fiance,'e a few words of sisterly greeting. These two daughters of ours have a good grip still of the Armenian they learned as children out there.

There remains now to find the two young ladies suited to the desire of the worthy, selfdenying Ely sisters, so they might learn the language & gain experience under such good instruction ere the well-worn ones have to give up their labors there & take a fell-earned rest. We hope they will have submitted some name of one they would like to have the Secretaries correspond with along this line, for one of them hinted to us they had thought of such, If only the one could go right on with Mrs.Maynard(now Miss Wright) how very nice it would be, when there would be three young people of an age & who could be classmates together in study of the new tongue,which woul make it all the more interesting, while there would be two ladies young together, which is often thought of among missionaries as of no little consideration.

Heaven be praised that the two are to be ready! Let us hope & pray that at least One lady may step out promptly & so the Trio be on hand for an early start to that so important post over in Kourdistan among the Taurus Mts! Would they might start early enough so as to take in E.T.~~Anl~~.Meeting that may be held in Harpout, from what Mr.Andrus just writes from Mardin. It would be splendid if they could go into the county that way, & attend the meeting.

Again thanking you for your so kind letter,

Most sincerely yours,

R. M. Cole

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P. S. A letter just at hand from our son Frank, you must remember as he was often at your house when he was at Auburndale, and he says Mr. Maynard was in his class the year he was in Union Semy. He, too, speaks in high terms of him. Partly from trouble of his eyes from getting one hurt in running a six horse reaper out in Wash one vacation, he dropped study not liking to trouble others to read his lessons to him and is in business in N. Y. City though am not without hope he may yet take useful work - does supply Churches now & then. He congratulates us on having such (Mr. Maynard to go to the British field & merit

Yours, P. M. Coffin
Corresponding Secy.
Coll. Missionary Soc.

MAR 30 1908

Hudson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
March 27/08

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Many thanks for the important quotations Mr. Beck writes us on 21st inst from van letters. It is marvelous the Armenian agitators could do so much than a more serious - perhaps massacre not break out. With not half ~~that~~ in B. what might we not expect! Miss McLaren, not far from here - at Olmstead Falls, where she lives with her aged father, writes our daughters giving other points she had in van letters. She says "most of our Artemid" (summer) house stuff - dishes, bedding, &c, have been stolen. The reds & soldiers have had some brushes. The soldiers guided by a traitor rev. captured perhaps 250 guns & 250,000 rounds of ammunition from Sourp Krikore" (a monastery) "& then blew up some dynamite which they tried to take from another place. School was closed for a few days. Both the doctors here ill in Christmas vacation. Dr. R. is about as well as usual. Dr. Ussher far from what he should be" &c.

No such conditions are about Bitlis we may trust, as Miss Mary Ely & the Prof. Pastor here on a tour in Akhlat villages north west shore of lake. But her sister Miss C. Ely wrote only a few lines to our Nellie Feb. 15th. I do hope you will make

Sure that at least one lady teacher goes right on to B. with the Maynards lest a collapse in Miss C. E's health should take them both away, for they almost never separate - & then to whom would be passed that so important Mt. Hol. sch. By one's going now (if the two could not be found - & possibly the Es would like to hunt up one at least themselves) she could be classmate with the Ms. in study of the Armenian language, get the experience with the Es already for work. We are writing the Es this post to hurry up writing you if they have not done so (or W. B. M) so there be no loss of time. It would be much more economical if they could go right on together, in service & caravan for the overland. But I have written of this before. Our Nellie & Alice are to visit a few days this vacation next week with the Mc Laren's where they went some two months ago & interested S.S. children on our B. work. Mrs. Cole is persuaded to speak at Cleveland before State Conference - women's Bd I suppose - May 5th - We do hope you will get rest in the South whither you have gone we hear. We have just been having thunder-showers here but not very much rain. Have had a very pleasant letter from Mr. Maynard and we shall D. V. meet here May 29th on their return from the West. I have asked him if his Miss White has some lady friend to suggest to fill as lady teacher for B. so as to save time. Pardon the liberty taken. Hastily &c

R. M. Cole

Oberlin, O.

Mar. 27-1908.

Rec'd APR 21 1908

Hudson Cottage Oberlin, Ohio
Apr. 16/08

Dear Dr. Barton; We were very glad to receive your letter of the 1st, and are in hopes you are back to the office somewhat rested from the change we learned you took for a few weeks as looking to that object.

Yes, we are so joyful over the so promising find for Bittis. We have had letters both from him and his fiancée and are attracted by them. Heaven grant at least one lady teacher be found to go on with them to B. which we hope may be as early as possible, trusting they may arrive in season for the opening of the Boys High Sch the first days of Sept. I am writing rather urging Mr. Maynard to this time. There are a goodly number of young women volunteers for missionary work here at Oberlin, as you know, but we tell the Maynards it would be more satisfactory if she had a friend to present in case the Ely's do not suggest some one, for they will have time, we having suggested that if they had not done so, they had better write you at the Rooms along that line & that letter must be about reaching them now I think.

You will be interested in knowing that good Mrs. Knapp the widow of late Mr. G. C. K. my early beloved associate, in writing us congratulations on the Ms. recently said 'Now would two ladies might be found to go along with them to relieve the Ely sisters', & so it should be.

Oberlin O. Apr. 16-1908.

Now that Bittis is in such good prospect of being reinforced at a near day our weary & worn Ely sister can hold out all the better while we should be able to pick up physically all the faster. My various leg troubles me not a little & I have to keep off my feet more than I like. Mr. Andrus writes from Mardin hoping we are resting up & that we are thinking of starting back to the field this time taking their place in for a visit as we did not going before. Dr. Raynolds also writes in a similar strain.

But my horseback riding is over - it is not safe. Mrs. Cole is to speak to the ladies in Cleveland before the County Conference May 8th - I am expected to speak soon after on Thursday evening, for Lirsch. here. I may find it hard to be on my feet but can shorten it or sit part of the time if must be, as they urge it.

I am written to on part of the Faculty of Bangor Semy, whence I graduated in '68, to know if I cannot meet with other members of my class of that year who may be alive & able to be present June 3d. Of course that is a very tempting opportunity, especially when we take into account that I might call at your Rooms in going to take the cheaper way by boat from Boston to Bangor, as I used to do, and on the return come via Northern N. H. where request by at least one City Pastor (Berlin) that I come to speak to his people. But were I equal to it in strength the most economical

ticket would be more of a consideration than I should feel to carry. I did think of writing the Home Secy. Dr. Patton, as to whether any arrangement might be thought of, so that a few addresses may be counted as nothing of ticket expenses, but perhaps you can speak with him on the matter. I have in the past spoken in many places in Maine, N.H. & Vermont (at the north parts) & have kept in touch with not a few of them by correspondence & by occasional letters in the local papers.

We have just had Dr. De Forest of Japan here before the Semy. in two lectures that outsiders were invited to attend. I know he has a big name & may stand high with a class; but if you will pardon one of us mediocres for speaking sort of confidentially his opinion as to not a few things he said - the above Dr. De F., - he (mediocre) could not indorse them. His themes were "Our attitude Towards Religions of the East" and "Environment for Missionary Work". After sort of ridiculing old methods in which he was caught at first, but soon took up reform, (he went out some six year after he did - say '74 or 5) "They must think of Buddha & Confucius as having to do with the Holy Spirit" & "have the Christ heart to no small extent, & hence the people in Japan are very moral", he should call them all brethren. &c. - for all Christ said Whosoever doeth the will of my Father is my brother, sister & mother, Mat. 12:50.

which implies that all are not our brothers, &c. & why act the hypocrite by calling them such. He so extolled the people & the Japanese country generally; so much one might ask Why send our rotters from the Accident where if & we are well nigh of a back chapter any way. In much they (orientals) lead us! He could hardly see that he saw need for reform over there save among the missionaries in danger of showing their big headativeness! But over here oh, how much need for reform! Our bible first of all came in for its share. The word heathen was an old Test. adjunct - was not found in new version of New Test. & here he quotes Why do the heathen rage, &c (Ps. 2:1) giving special & peculiar emphasis to rage, but New Test has it not; I challenge on such a statement & ask the distinguished gentleman to see if Luke has it not in Acts 4:25 where, as in other few places Gentile (New version) not heathen, is used, but means the same - both referring to the ignorant rabble &c. "Come out, & be ye separated" that group of disciples our Saviour gathered & set up his church on earth who are we his servants that we should ignore His method. Of course in all such lectures we have present Japanese, Chinese, Armenians, &c. and they must wonder Why so much money is spent to send missionaries out there to find the people on such a high plain, mentally, morally, &c. One native of India of high caste family has been melancholy on thinking how he had turned his back on his parents & their religion, & who shall say he will not be more so now, on hearing on what a high plain they & that religion stand are. But why is I cale to refer to this, but already I have heard of how obvious Pres. King & a Prof. & some of the foreign ranks, were surprised at some of his statements. He would have churches & people over here never speak of heathen; takes up J. E. Clark (see 1st page) & asserts it has for speaking of the false religions; one of our secy (it may have been Dr. Creegan) & a missionary using similar terms. He gave no names as to who they were.

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Oberlin, Ohio, Apr. 24/08

Rev. Dr. Patton, D.D.
Secy of American Board,

RECEIVED
C. H. PATTON
Ans.

Dear Dr. Patton;

Yours at hand as to my hint respecting reinforcement for Bonanza work in Bitlis & suggestion that mission action should be had. But for one to come out with Miss Grace Knapp has taken by the mission meeting at Harpout of which Dr. Barton was secy then I think, as her own brother & I representing the station felt his sister should have an associate of her year & if possible a medical lady. I hope the Elys will take action & set work going, as so much time has passed since then. But Dr. Barton is hasted on this matter. It would seem so appropriate if the one at least were found to go on as lady companion of about her years for company, while it would save expense to the Board especially in the overland part of the journey. But the Elys may have written, as we urged

it more than once before leaving
written them since the Mr here for
Dr. Barton is well informed
the situation.

I was wondering whether it
equal to a trip to see at my
class re-union Bangor, Me
I could do any speaking any
to help out on expenses of the

I wrote Dr. Barton on the
in a somewhat long letter
the request that he speak to
the matter. I should prob
come via Boston & take bo
to Bangor direct much cheaper
by cars, as it used to be I rec
via northern N.H. & Dr. whe
have spoken on missions in the
I kept somewhat in touch with
through the local papers.

Yours sincerely

R. M. Ca

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
May 9th 1908

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,

Many thanks for your encouraging letter referring to my thought of going to Bangor Semy Com^t & reunion of my class after these forty years separation. I am writing Miss Wiggin to ask some questions as to boat to Bangor direct I used to patronize from Boston as cheaper than cars & easier & to learn if excursion rates might be had upon from Boston here &c. By going in the easiest way I could & perhaps break the journey in one or two place, visiting friends, & so not travel nights I should hope I might stand it, & with two letters from the Semy urging me to come I am inclined to strain a point. But somehow Dr. Patton gives no hope of financial help. I spoke & preached in scores of place when in the Semy, & when home next to the last time, as many times in Mass. & Conn. I once being as near your "Hub" as Newton, Dr. Patrick's church, when he was to base to quite an extent his sermon for the following Sab. on things I had brought out in my address as to Bible influence in our field. But pardon this allusion thrown in lest some of our superiors at those Rooms count Cole an unknown quantity! But

I make no plea, of course, and hope as Dr. Patton limits the territory that may has been so interestingly pre-empted that there be no demand for such as Cole; still it is fair to presume that with my membership in Hammond St. ch. one of the chief congl ones, in which I have spoken in the past & taught in their Sab. sch. & with not a few ministerial friends & others outside where I used to go to preach sometimes more than once I shall if strength permits do some service for missions, as indeed we three Coles are doing about here our Nellie five times about & twice here in O. Thus. C. just back from speaking before ladies at Cleveland representing twenty-two churches & is to do so here while Cole himself is being drawn in here & to-morrow to a near town whence came lat Prest. Fairchilds. Of course I have to avoid being on my feet too long because of my varicose leg, & so at Dr. Jenny's reception last ~~to~~ night was allowed to sit most of the - the friends kindly urging it, as they have come to know of my physical infirmity. But enough of this that sounds too personal, but I did not wish to have it implied even that I moved take what could rightly be avoided from our beloved Board.

Hastily, sincerely - R. M. Cole

Oberlin O.
May 9 1908.

JUN 1 1908

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
May 25/08

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Just on the eve of starting on your way in hopes of going up to Bangor Semy Com^t to meet my class on their reunion after these forty long years, I hope to have time to call as I pass through to take the boat, but shall have more time on my return before I go up to N. H. to visit my bachelor bro. in his 79th year, a sister only 67 & her husband who live with bro. & my father's sister up among the mountains who are all that remain of the family save my sister, Rev. Elvira Coblleigh (in charge of two Cong^l churches near Walla Walla, Wash.) & myself, while none remain of mrs. C's family. none left but nephews & ~~aunts~~ nieces - her only remaining sister having died some two years ago - and so she is not so particular to visit old childhood scenes for the present -

The Maynards with whom we are having a most delightful tho quite

too short a visit wish to make some stops on the way - taking a look at Niagara, &c; I do so shall not come on together on I have to hustle to get to Bangor - another case you see where the veteran comes in ahead! but I may have another chance to see them on my return from Bangor the 8th to 10th of June following which I go to N.H. to visit the aged bro. &c of mine whence I hope to get back to be at our Amherst College Com+ -

Hastily, Cordially Yours

R. M. Cole

P.S.
I may be able to just call on you at the Rooms next Tues. the 2nd June if all goes well.

Oberlin - O.

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, July 21st, 1908.

My dear Dr.Haynolds:-

Yours of May 9th came to hand during my month's absence in New England to visit family friends, attend commencements of my old academy, college, Sem'y, and so has not received so prompt attention- all the more so from being so near to used up from being drawn into work beyond plans and my endurance, for menu from our E.T.country had not been served up in those regions I touched for a long time, and their appetites were keen! But after speaking seven times I pulled in home & am about as well as usual now and address myself to letters the most important of which is yours broaching the matter of turning over the remainder of the Bitlis field to the Germans to run wholly after their own sweet will with our people & work, while the American workers who have"borne the burden & heat of the day"in seeking to hold the station for these years are"to move on"while the little amount the Board allows the B.part of field(& the Es only take half sal'y anyway) is thinned out over"other parts of the E.T.M.field"& all those buildings left!

Tho I personally probably can never return to that particular locality (ever calling for constant horeback riding), from physical reasons, Still we have such keen interest in that work & deep sympathy for those so worthy Ely sisters as led us to hold on two years beyond our doctor Underwood's orders for me; and as a pledge to the continuation of things as we left them behold our splendid substitutes,Rev.& Mrs.Harrison A.Maynard to sail Aug.1st, and will you discourage them by turning down the station they have fitted for while they are on the way! We protest it! We are sorry for the trials you & Hpt.per your hint,have had with the Gs.but ours with the von Dobbelers has been far otherwise,so far as we know; if a few personalities occurred between them & the Es when they were so crowded together in latters'garden at time of earthquake it is not worth mentioning,seems to me. You saw the Gs seemed determined to take over part of our field-probably Moush part-and our station felt they insisted so much on independence(republican you see,for all their Kaiser!)they had,rather would better take over Moush ever so obnoxious to most of the Mission,albeit defended by Cole especially as important center.

We sought,so far as possible,to safeguard relations with the Gs in the sort of new station in a strong written compact that we submitted the Board, & which we hope would not be ignored by such as we took the v.Dobbelers to be when the Maynards are on the ground to replace us in the mutual compact,but if they or others later,as you hint,were to do so public print could make it hot for them! We feared you would find it hard with that Mr.Sperri & it appeared from what his compatriot,our von D.would not like him over in Moush. With their independent orphanage work why need you have trouble more than with Eng. if discarded & hear as B.would be(especially if Ussher-Majesty boat materializes)as enemies(1)Would they not damage more than left separate in Van? (2)Why as experiment to relieve V.upset Bitlis,break the hearts of the Ely sisters especially,& why not cease such at least while the Es linger,for you know how their feelings have been violated in the past in this line & how B. would been wiped out as a station only that some of us fought for it. (3) What gain to the Board? the Ms must have a Sal'y somewhere & Es only take half anyway? & nowhere could Mr.M.be such a bishop for influence,the buildings be conserved? & our Prots.with no option,turned over to Mr.S.you wish to get rid of. The Es probably would not surrender B.anyway & would you deny them the scanty meed of one missionary family?surely not, & surely you will desist. (4)If the Gs wish more territory than Moush & Palu why let it be Hpt's turn as first in with them to pass them a chunk down from Chakhbakhchour taking in Haieni & possibly Diarbekir cities where people are not so shocked with isms,ritipling,etc.as in Bitlis where our Prots.are rather conservative,as you know,in temperance,Sab.observance,church government,etc.

In closing might I not show surprise(a)That this gestion seems to have been sent to Boston before coming before the Mission Meeting; and(b) was practically submitted to the meeting with no knowledge or approval of Bitlis- a new way of doing things,perhaps,only we are not up to date!! The dearLord lead us in all these matters! But seems to us Bitlis & Van are near & should hobnob as neighbors as in years gone by,& under same beloved Board.

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, July 21/08

Rev.Enoch F.Bell,

Assistant Secretary of the Board,

My dear Mr.Bell:-

It was very kind in you to write so enthusiastically as to the unexpected degree that was bestowed upon me at old Amherst, and if we ~~we~~ are not worthy of it, we trust the Lord's work out there we have been connected with can readily carry it off, as also our beloved Board you say, we should honor all the more, and seek to do more for the cause it represents, as our time & strength will permit, for the time is not long.

I was glad to meet, even for so brief a time, you friends at the Rooms, and so become more familiar with your faces, and was glad also to step into Pilgrim Hall & have a look into the fine faces of those new recruits, and of course I felt that our Bitlis ones were a little the best.

I came so near an ill turn at old Amherst at the last (perhaps from the degree, some one hinted!) I was glad I was able to pull in home, however, and am feeling about as usual again.

Again thanking you for your so kind remembrance,

Yours most sincerely,

R.M. Cole

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, July 21st, /08

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,

Secretary of American Board,

My dear Dr. Barton:-

It is just doubtful if you will yet be back from the Edinburgh Meeting which is sure to have been uplifting indeed, and may it be followed with rich results for our Master's cause thruout the world!

There is sure to have reached your Office important letters from Dr. Raynolds & our Ely sisters as to the future fate of Bitlis station, and so the enclosed copy of what I have just written Dr. R. in reply to his to us on the subject will need no eplanation, nor need I enlarge on it,-all the more as I have written You so much as to why B. should be kept up as a station in the past; and so we must look to you at the Rooms to veto any untoward action that possibly will have been taken at Hpt. when our station could not be represented, nor was it apprised of what was to be submitted, which seems to me a very strange procedure for interstational courtesy to say the least. If one's head is to be taken off it would seem some form of habeas corpus should be entered upon so the defendant argue his case & not be gagged as Bitlis seems treated by Van, from the Ely representation. But we are sure you there will set the matter right, and we can trust it with you. It is too late now to talk it up with the Maynards & I fear it might tend to discourage them anyway. Do insist on letting "the motion rest on the table" at least a year so they may study ~~the question~~ it on the field. With mos cordial welcome back this side the great waters

Yours most sincerely,

R. M. Cole

Oberlin, O.

July 21-1908.

Secretary

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Judson Cottages, Oberlin Ohio
Aug. 21/08

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Many thanks for your letter penned so soon after you arrival from England. You must have had a delightful time over there. Thanks for your congratulations, for the D.D. degree that came as a surprise to me; but better than that, perhaps, as I told the Pres., were the pleasant things he said and the prolonged applause of the audience. It was pleasant to have Dr. Lyman Abbot, who rode with me, seeking me out & sitting in seat with me from Northampton to Springfield, refer also to the remarkable enthusiasm of the audience which was good as showing missionaries are noticed in such lines, tho somewhat neglected heretofore. I see missionary Newell from Japan has his degree from Yale College.

Yes, as you indicate what use for the D.D. but so times go & we can stand some surplus material to a degree if no more weighty than this, and they are too common to puff one up.

Just had most cheery letters from the Maynards as they had landed in old Eng.- written on board but mailed from London. So sorry no lady teacher was on hand to go to B. with them - possibly she

may go with the Cranfords later as far as Trebizond.

Glad you & Treas^r Wiggin feel so sanguine over Turkey prospects, and certainly if what is talked & promised by the Sultan is realized as a permanency it will work wonders! We may hope to have closed ports opened & property rights secured, albeit Pittis letters do not yet hint at thought of a change. Reform moves so slowly when it faces into the Interior of that land. But we will hope & pray.

This much as our welcome home again for you.

Very sincerely Yours

R. M. Cole

Rev. Cole
Aug. 27-1908

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Sept.24th, 1908

Rev.James L.Barton, D.D.,
Sec'y of American Board,

Dear Dr.Barton:-

I know it must be the busy time of the year- so near is the coming Anl.Meeting at Brooklyn, and so I must not tax you with much reading of letters and much less the writing of any. But should you having anything special from Bitlis to arrest attention you will surely let us know. One of our late letters thence spoke of some timidity on part of Armenians that kept them from opening their shops one day in view of threatening attitude on part of the fanatical Kourds probably enraged at seeing Armenian politi-suspects let out of prison while they murderers,robbers,thieves,etc.are not. But we trust it will have passed over & perhaps you not have heard,as the poor Ely sisters cannot rise from the gloom of the past enough to write much.

We had cheery letters from the Maynards at Cons/ple, and shall expect more from Erzroom before they reach Bitlis. From what our splendid high Sch. teacher(graduate of Aintab I have often spoken of)he and Miss M.Ely thought of going to Khanous,about half way from Em.to Bt.to meet them,and without doubt they are landed in their new home safe & sound by this time! Blessed are they to'come to the kingdom at such a time as this,& so he seemed tofeel

I suppose you will anticipate Thanksgiving day & in your Oct.meeting have Turkey before you,not to carve up but to feed with suitable compliments at recent good deeds which must lead you to plan larger things for that land where the work has been'so discouraging'say not a few to us.

I forgot in my last to say that I was glad to have our Mission in the Hpt.meeting deliberate about opening a new work in Russia & suggest Cole in that connection. I sometimes feel almost like seizing my grip & making a dash for another brief campaign regardless of physical status,for if the present outlook for Turkey continues hardly any of the diabled should'ground arms!' The harvest truly will be great & the laborers few at the best-with language.

I fear the Elys may not have given you much for Station report but trust next time Mr.Maynard will'make good'and you will not be so left any longer.

You will have plenty of workers fresh from the Turkey firing line & there will be no need of us Coles most likely & so we are not planning to come on

You will be interested in knowing that our Frank,you remember,probably, has come on from one year taken in Union Sem'y & a term of business & is to be with us here during this his middle year in this Oberlin Theol.Sem'y & also our son Fredderick you met as the New York lawyer,has als been with us this month & of course it has been a continuous lovefeast in our family life This is the second time in our family history we have all been together & so it is a rare occasion you must believe.

Sincerely R.M.Cole

(over-)

P.S. I took the liberty of sending Editor Rev. W. E. Strong Forty Years in Turkey from Nev Interior. thinking you would be too much occupied to be bothered with much material. Dr. Ussher of Van, has arrived with family at Olmsted Falls, some 20 miles distant, (where our Franks has been to preach two Sabs) but is to return to your Board meeting we hear.

R. M. E.

R. M. Ewe
Oberlin, O.
Feb. 24-1908.

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin O. Oct. 27/08

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Not long since I had a kind communication from Ass^t Secy Mr. Bell in acknowledgement of mine to your address & enclosed has copy of what the German Mr. Ehmann of Mezreh (Ark.) had addressed to Dr. Barnum on conditions between them & the Americans. It is a pity if we are to be disappointed in all such workers. Ours at Moush do not seem such thus far,- we have just had a pleasant letter from them & Mr. von Doobeler calls their Mr. Sposri of Van "a good man", albeit before they had met he spoke differently. Our Mr. D. being of a somewhat high family & his superior in office may have had a little to do with the matter, for you know how in imperial countries a sort of caste prevails. Our last from the Maynards was mailed at Erzerum whence they were to leave the next day. They seemed rejoiced to be going into the kingdom at such a time as the present, & well may they be; and it makes us veterans even, who have done so much 'bush-whacking' in tilts with officials in efforts to remove obstructions on relief work, schs. &c.

actually feel like making another dash in those directions where conditions seem so promising now if but our doctors would say "you may"! From what Dr. R. writes, it would seem he apprehends no little difficulty still from crazy revolutionists who had published on their church doors the list of certain ones condemned as traitors & to be punished and among them seemed one of their priests, Dev. Nersis. Village work has been hindered & they hinted that work of the Americans would better be for the non-xn Kourds! Heaven grant their influence to cease, for Dr. R. says determined to lead their people, as they did so much in the dark before, they now declare an open policy from the platform. There does not seem so much danger from such in the Bitlis regions thus far.

Not feeling equal to attending what must have been one of our Board's powerful meetings in Brooklyn we heard very little about it. I wonder why the local paper treating of it did not reach us — was it not sent? You may care to see enclosed published in Standard Union of Brooklyn about time of your meeting, tho you may not have seen it. Rejected by our Herald editor it was read gladly by above (& no other paper in these parts) paper & the editor turned it "interesting" & sent ten extra marked copies. Trusting we may hear her paper, as above hinted, read at your meeting. Sincerely Yours R. M. Cole

Charlotte C. Coleman

Oct. 27 1898.

Standard Union N.Y.

FORTY YEARS OF TURKEY FROM HER INTERIOR

BY REV. R. E. COLE, D.D.

Pictures of the land of the Crescent are often drawn from outside the country, practically, by parties who coast along its seashore with no sojourn or brief visits save at such inviting cities as Constantinople, Smyrna, Beyrout, etc., when they forthwith sit down to tell all about the country as if they knew it all, whereas, denizens of the capital, even from the Padishah down to the lowest, have little idea of what goes on in the interior of the land, and especially over Kourdistan, as also down in old Hesopotamia southward.

But our twoscore years of occupancy in what we sometimes term our Ararat Parish, from its being so near the sacred old mountain I scaled in '72, we have seen great changes in the land, though not all of them for the worse. The old bridlepath up over which we clambered on Trebizond Mountains horseback, and from whose heights Xenophon's ten thousand Greeks in their famous march up from Babylonia over two thousand years ago, looked down upon the shimmering waters of old Euxine, calling out "Thalassa, thalassa" (the sea the sea); that bridlepath, I was about to say, has given place to a fairly good macadamized road, albeit built for military purposes, as who cares for the public interest! This highway extends to Erzerum, 171 miles, while snatches from its pattern have been made in a few other places, though not being completed, is soon carried away by rains or the winter snows when they melt.

Entering Erzerum in '68 we saw the beginning of the earthworks being thrown up about that town of 60,000 inhabitants as if to prevent the Russians from capturing it and marching southward towards the Tigris River and Mesopotamia; but during our sixteen years there we saw the whole regions round about posing in the hands of Czar's forces pursuant to the conflict of '77 and '78, but after they had held our town in a terrible siege of more than six weeks, that from famine and pestilence took out to the city of the dead three hundred or four hundred some days and of us Americans only three of the seven came through it all alive!

During that over six months' Russian occupation we saw roads improved toward the north, wooden bridges thrown across streams and usual post wagons of that country with tinkling bells on the horses, going and coming, taking travelers, if desired. But on the withdrawal of the northern neighbor the bridges were all demolished and carried off by thieving peasants for fuel or any use they could think of; for what care they or the local government for the public good!

And so in other places we have seen spasmodic efforts put forth to suit the whim of some local official in the interior in setting out trees along the patches of built highways, as if it were to be a veritable French boulevard. Still we are glad for even a few places where in interior Turkey we may take a ride on wheels as a type of modernism when compared with the old bridlepaths. But postal and telegraphic communication have been the marked things and been a pure creation for Bitlis, a city of some 33,000 inhabitants, within thirty years. Something of the kind existed when we reached Erzeroom in '68. While we used to send mail matter by Armenian footmen to Bitlis those early years, but to the American missionaries in Persia by English courier, going on for British Consuls in Persia. But it was a great privilege for us at Bitlis, 365 miles from the coast, to send letters and telegrams direct to American friends, and for only five cents a letter, though forty years ago it cost 25 cents.

But if Dame Nature looks scared and tame, with almost no forests to turn to, so neglected and robbed has it been for centuries by the dominant parties, she has tracks of the ancient time that regale us in such words as paradise, and natives refer to sites of Cain's and Abel's cities, while yonder begins the mountain of "Nimrod the Mighty Hunter," that stretches on to within fifteen miles of Bitlis and there culminates in what was, in prehistoric times, one of earth's greatest volcanoes, and whose large, wonderful crater is hardly excelled anywhere for its beautiful rotundity, and scooped out with such accuracy as to suggest a chalkline or gigantic compass, that was followed in the mighty upheaval some two hundred years ago, per tradition. Within its spacious basin well shut in with the high rim most of the way round, are two lakes or ponds, one nearly nine miles long and of drinkable water, while less than a gunshot away is one of hot water as it comes bubbling out of its orifice with such force as to hint at fires still pent up there, ready to do again what possibly she did influence in our late Bitlis earthquake, only sixteen miles distant. The great enclosure was left so filled in the bottom that even native carts go there to gather hay for their stock, and we have pitched tents there with friends.

But changeable and uncertain as is the face of nature, hardly less so is it on the human and governmental side, and especially these few weeks past that almost take our breath away, if we may trust to its continuance as it begins! Forty years ago the priest might come slightly under official surveillance as one of influence among his people, but now the teacher is the vulnerable scapegoat they hate, one of whom—a Gregorian Armenian—was most unjustly hung in our city previous to late massacre times, while others have been eking out for these years a most miserable existence within pigsty incarceration! But now all through the land beginning in Albania of Europe to the Persian border the one tocsin cry in different languages is "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," so emphasizing the first word that my recent letter begins and ends with it!

But without looking backward or animadverting against his Majesty, kept too much in ignorance of actual conditions by responsible subordinates, let us now rejoice for proffered hope in the future that almost makes us veterans feel to seize our grip, make a dash over sea and land to take out another brief campaign over there for all "wondrous wise" think our physical status calls a halt. Well do our new recruits for Bitlis write us enthusiastically that they are 'entering the kingdom at such a time as this,' and so we can envy the younger men whose physical condition renders them ready for roughriding through our Bitlis parish, for extent equal to New Hampshire and Vermont, and for population ahead of the latter State, or about 400,000, of whom over a quarter are Armenians, which includes our 1,400 Protestant adherents, two churches with branches in villages and over 200 communicants and some 500 pupils of all grades in over a dozen schools, two of which are high schools for boys and girls in Bitlis city itself. From the former we have graduated forty since entering that field in 1884, and half as many from the factory industrial connected with our Armenian orphanage.

Wonderful changes have been wrought in all our graduates, most of whom seem "making good" by holding up high ideals they learned in the beloved school. May God bless all our dear pupils and peoples in the land we have labored for so long! May this part of Bible Lands again bud and blossom as the rose!

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, O. Nov. 13/08

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Sec'y of American Board

Dear Dr. Barton;-

Though I have made reference not very openly to usual missionary salr. at Bitis on Mr. Bell's postal inclosed in his letter I would say here that since he left B., as Mr. Stapleton wrote us from Michigan, £.T. 25.00 was added to Em salr. for male married missionaries, but I know not as to B. The old rate for man & wife has always been £.T. 150 with addition for children - all of which you, of course, know for your old B. T. M. Mr. Bell writes as if mine was 165 + 25 + 17, but we know nothing of the 25, & only drew at rate of 160. for five months of last year, as we were on our way home the first days of June. The 17 is for rent paid the Prob. Geo. on their parsonage the Maynards use, as did we, and which they seem quite well pleased now they are there. The question of raising missionary salr. was brought in by Em at Van Mating, but Andrus, Raymond & Cole did not favor it then tho it is true living expenses are higher.

The Maynards on taking over the keys of our home the 2nd inst. wrote us very cheerily & prospects tho he showed good humility at seeing how enthusiastic was the welcome given them some going out for three days & others nearer points, a la Orient.

and so he writes "When I see how much is made of us - what is expected of us & how much there is to be done & so unequal to it I ask that you pray for us daily that we may meet the responsibilities." We feel they are just the right persons in the right place.

I forgot to refer to what you wrote & what we heard from Apt. Director as to talk of the meeting under lead of Dr. Underwood as to a station in Russia with Cole & Lead off. If conditions there would warrant & doctors as well as ourselves, could advise the risk in health point for us to think of two or three years there perhaps to start in a new man. I could escape hard methods of travel & living in the coarseness of stables. But we must avoid the logic of events. We are in correspondence with native friends & pupils there. We did not know the Atkinsons & Miss Bush were coming home & wonder if they came on together.

Have had two good lectures from Dr. McKenzie of Hartford Seminary & there is hope Gipsy Smith may come over for one or two meetings next week, as he is at Cleveland. (You may care to know that C. papers that did not make over much of Board meeting in their city last year. The Dealer had two long columns on work of the Board while you were in session at Brooklyn while a B. paper not "Eagle" (whose report of meeting has reached us - thanks) had about as much as an editorial. Truly "it is a set time to favor Zion" in Turkey.

The dear Lord lead & provide men & means.

Yours,
R. M. Cole

Aberdeen, Nov. 12-1908.

Personal.

Judson Cottage Oberlin O.
Jan. 12th 1909

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:

Permit me to thank you most sincerely for your "Daybreak in Turkey." It had been noticed & it and felt we must have it some day, not supposing, however, you were to favor us with it. We all are at reading it & enjoy it very much. By the way, might I in confidence let you into a secret - "tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon" - that possibly I may attempt a book urged on as much as we have been by friends knowing & hearing of our so long & weird experiences under Armenian, relief & orphanage work - dressing poor wounded Moslem soldiers, organizing the first hospital in Erzroom in '78 & starting up the first impartial relief, standing over the dead & dying, &c. &c. A diary I kept during those so exciting times would alone make up a book about half the size of this of yours. I should like to have it ready by Easter - should have had it out for the Holidays but have not felt equal to doing anything with it up to the present

and even at best shrink from such an undertaking - feeling my inability in such lines. But alone as we have been so much in those trying & unique experiences who shall tell it if not we? For all it will naturally have to talk in the first person-plural so completely. Should you find a few minutes, busy as I know you must ever be, perhaps you could advise me as to what course to take (suppose it should be type written) & what publisher I would better apply to with hope of success; and, please, also let me know if you could kindly write an Introduction to it, for you know well of us & our history.

I plan to go to Battle Creek Sanitarium next week to attend the Medical Missionary Conference to begin the 19th inst. & continues three days. I plan to consult specialists among the doctors there & see if they turn me down! May I remind you that two of our daughters you saw here belong to the Volunteer Band & the older one Miss Nellie A. graduates from the Kindergarten in June - has the Armenian all ready for work & do you think she might have a position at Constile or Bardezag; or possibly at Aintab or Adana where also Armenian is in use. Again thanking you for

Cordially yours
Mrs. M. Coole
Minneapolis!

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Jan. 26th 1909

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.
Secy of the American Board.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I came out here to attend the medl missionary conference held 19th to 21st inst. inclusive, here in this splendid institution which if you have not seen & enjoyed you ought to. I also came for medl treatment - all of which I am closing to-day preparatory to returning to my family at Oberlin to-morrow, if God will. tho the doctors are so kind as to ask us missionaries to be their guest for free hospitality for a second week. But I had not come prepared for so long delay which might also be rather imposing upon such generous hospitality & so I return home, but with the feeling almost that the half had not been told me as to this resort, its splendid christian, non-sectarian spirit.

But busy as I am on this last day I shall not be able to write at length tho may at a later day refer to the doctors verdict as to my physical stock in trade. But my object now is to speak of another

4/ R. M. Cole to Dr. Patton.

days I am here, and I have written on as
them thinking time was short & if we were to p
vent Dr. H.'s work being closed at Tou, t
should be written at once before he starts hom
I have talked with Dr. Dowkontt as to the
standing of Dr. H. here & missionary as D
D. is - very enthusiastic. he thinks high
of the Dr. H. move in that direction. Of course
should be ready as a rough rider to take in
mouth & bitts if need be, as he, hailing pr
marily from old Kentucky (his wife is fro
Buff.) he is used to the saddle & was in Yars
You may ask why he did not hold on at Yarsu
There was a certain jealousion as Dr. Kristy's p
decessor who lorded it over him & made it so u
comfortable he decided to leave. But he got on nic
with others, as names I have given above, indic
how if you or Dr. Patton wish to correspond wi
him, as well other parties named above, please
dress him Dr. R. S. Hambleton, Sanitarium M
College, Battle Creek, Mich. Excuse my das
on so much length for want of time to write shorter & cor
Am off to the Oberlin Cole address in the Ear
morning where I am to meet an appointment of
Irish Coll. Ch. Thursday eve, Dr. Bradshaw Pres

Hastily, sincerely Yours
R. M. Cole

P.S. I can but feel there is special providence in my happy line to meet Dr. H. he to be on the search to talk with me.

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2 & P. of Dr. Bartois from R. M. C. 1909

met here for the first time Dr. Mrs. R. S. Hamilton who went to Tarsus in '91 & spent a year and half there, learned the Turkish language so well that he after these years was able to address me some well-pronounced Turkish words. He had sought an interview with me as to the matter of return to Turkey. He (& she as well) has a fresh passion to go back to T. even tho he had to crawl on his hands & knees, as it were! He has kept right up to date in med. work & is by choice of Dr. Dowkontt here assistant teacher or Prof. in the med. college of some 70 pupils here, an institution closely connected with this Sanitarium, as perhaps you know. & has never lost interest in Turkey, the Armenians & Turks with whom he got on well & freely. As here, which has helped him in keeping up his language. He is 55 years old & his wife some years younger. Neither of them show age, are always vigorous & healthy. He has had four years in the dentistry, he has studied medicine & nursing tho may not have a med. diploma. In fine they are an attractive looking couple of much hospital experience as well as of general practice in N.Y. state - in Buffalo or near vicinity & think it was. At Dr. Roswell Park, 510 Del. Ave., Buffalo, a well known man there

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could tell you of him. His pastor, Rev. Wm Carter
Kenmore, N.Y. near Buff. I think could tell you
of him, also Rev. J. C. Martin, Saratoga, Cal
with whom they went out with in '91 & with whom they
lived very pleasantly as long as there. A Mrs. Ma
S. Metheney, Beva Falls, Penn, who (with her dec
husband (not dead) was in the field then I saved them
Now you may wonder what I am driving at
a doctor for Biths? perhaps not just at this Presen
Is not Dr. Underwoods Med. work likely to be close
permanently at a near day! He writes me una
date of Dec. 17th "we plan to leave for America ear
in March, D. V. ..." I shall enjoy my furlough the
because it may not (is not likely to be in fact) possible
for me to return altho we are hoping against hope that we m
This is quotation ~~is~~ from a personal letter no mention i
made of my not speaking of it, I surely you must kno
all "If should you not please not let him know I wrote
If this Dr. Hamilton could go in the early spring si
the hospital work not be closed at all. He probably wou
hi his wife come on a year later. Their only child
son, is in the high sch. here I till take a med. cours
& then might go to assist his father or succeed him fa
If you think of his years keep in mind they look young
comparatively & have tongue & ref. to go to work at once
He would pledge the Board to withdraw peacably & m
no claim on it when years precluded further servic
He has some means - a house to sell in Buf. & thin
He would like it if you could pay him the salary of a
single man. Friends of his promising to make him a
good med. outfit should he go. In fine this at
traction couple, as they appear to me these few

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
Jan. 28th 1909

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. B: Many thanks for yours of the 16th inst. I found awaiting me on my return last evening from a week spent at Battle Creek Sanitarium, Mich. Attend a Med.-Missy Conference held 19th-21st inst. inclusive, & to consult doctors as to myself. Had a delightful & profitable time with 55 adult missionaries representing 13 denominations & about as many boards & coming from many lands under the sun.

I wrote you thence about Dr. Hamblen & hardly need add more, save that he is so anxious to go to Turkey he almost felt to thrust himself out into the land trusting God would provide. In fine there's the man & his fine wife both with enough Turkish, apparently to set to work at once. Pardon in correspondence with the foreign workers will naturally know whether plans call for putting a man in Dr. H's place, which, in part, at least, was why I wrote you rather than Dr. Patton, tho I write him now more especially as to the Proctors & question he asked as to our daughter Nellie a well rounded out Kindergartener whom the Prin. of the sch. told to-day in a talk she was quite equal to training

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and preparing kindergarteners out in that land, for she had thought of holding on for another year for special study should we hold on here. She graduates with honor the coming June. But naturally we fond parents are not the ones in propriety to praise our own kith & kin, but leave the questions to be settled by you worthy ones at the Rooms & the parties.

Thanks for your hints as to title of book. Should we get out one I'll encouraged me in this direction from what you say. Of course in that trend there is danger lest self stand out too prominently & you know Cole has not the name the wonderful Dr. Hamlin had, she has more years which offers better apology, perhaps, for stepping out as one's self so much. Speaking again as to that Dr. Humbeston I might say he wants to be connected with Board, but for terms he will allow you to turn the screws down upon them just as hard as your consciences will permit! You will naturally wish to correspondence with him, if you think there is an opening & I do not write him unless I hear from you, it is not best to open up the question now. In much haste, C. R. M. Cole

Does it not seem like a providence that the Hamlin's come forward at this time? Perhaps I reached home in time.

FEB 5 1909

Hudson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio.
Feb. 3d 1909

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:- Your kind missive as to Dr. Hamblton is at hand & I hasten to say, as I understand it he has a full-fledged physician-diploma permit to practice in Turkey, as he has in practice at Varna. But seems to me he has not under our Board just as Mr. McLaughlin, his predecessor at V. has not: having come on from Canada on some independent work. So far as I learned from him he has pastored by that native Mr. Tinanian who would exile, tho Dr. H. has sent out to fill Mr. McLaughlin's place when he went to Smyrna.

Yes, as you hint & as I note he would ask for only a single main salary. I think tho might possibly try to get along without that, as he asked me if I thought he could make a living in practice there; to which I expressed fear that he could not.

However you friends know, as we say in the East, but I passed the information along wondering if Dr. H. was to drop his work this might not be a providential indication this minute-man would not better vault into the position, if you were so pleased, tho if not connected with our Board there may be nothing on file as to him. There should be no turning eyes on American doctors, I should suppose, under the new régime.

In much haste, Yours sincerely

R. M. Cole

* but on good terms with parties whose names I gave you.

Oberlin - O.

Feb. 3 - 1909.

(extracts Copied P.R.H.)

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio Feb. 24/89

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I was grateful for letter sent me by your assistant Mr. Bell & glad to know he may be in this state together with Dr. T. once again ere very long.

Tho it is not my business to urge upon you at the Rooms any candidates for the foreign field even to the matter of my dear niece & her husband Rev. Mr. Preston, nor of Dr. Hamilton concerning whom I wrote from Battle Creek. But I just now have a letter from him that I am inclined to send right on to you that you may see his spirit; for he would take time since, as you see he wishes to know the Board's decision for him by March 15th, as he might take up some other work and it seems a pity to lose such a man & woman who would be all ready for work. The fact of his not having gotten on with that Mr. Fanningon does not seem to me great, - Mr. McLaughlin did not & certainly he is doing a good work in Smyrna, as you know. But if you are to wait for reply from Mr. Chambers it may be too late unless he were to write you a few words as to W. Dr. H. is a quiet unassuming man & I can hardly see why

any one should not get along with him. I have asked others who have been some week at the Sanitarium & they all speak well of him. Obviously he would be able by practice of tone Adana to make up a tally from Mr. Chambers letter.

But I have no need to write more at present but leave such questions to be settled when they belong - with you experienced ones at those Rooms. As you see Dr. A. was not under our Board but of the Trustees of St. Paul Inst. Who cast reflections on ordinary missionaries, as if they were given to poisoning people's minds against such as Mr. Jammyan! We know how apt Armenians are to like to manage money as well as men coming whence they may & so if Mr. J. was not perfect we should not be surprised. I leave it with you to send right on to Mr. Chambers the enclosed letter of Dr. A. as also this note of mine should you think best - when he could wire send him if he desired it so on reading the letters. As Dr. A. comes as far as Buffalo if not clear to Mt. Hermon (this not stated) perhaps you might think best to have him come on unless Dr. Patton or Mr. Bell were to be out this way so as to meet him to "size him up".

Nothing but sincerely yours

R. M. Cole

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Feb. 24-1909.

R. S. Hamilton

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Battle Creek, Mich. Feb. 20 1909

Rev. R. M. Cole D.D. Judson Cottage Oberlin O.

My dear Doctor

I thank you very much for your kindness, and trouble in our behalf. I had some correspondence with Mr. Chambers some year ago, who seemed to feel very favorable to my coming to Adana, and help in their mission. For some reason he suddenly grew cold, and discouraged my plans. The way that I advertised the doing of Mr. Jenanyan while we were at St. Paul's Inn perhaps had some influence with Mr. Chambers. Living with Mr. J. right in his family, and seeing his administration of the affairs of the school, and his attitude towards his associates, and towards the Board of Trustees in N.Y. it was my duty to tell of these things, and I do not retract in the least statement, all of which was

made in all truth, and with deliberation and coolness. Our association with him worked me present harm in many directions, and I was not surprised at Mr. Chambers attitude having heard that he was a friend of Mr. Jernagan. I can only say that Mr. Chambers was misinformed, and had little opportunity to know the character of the man. I have a most friendly, and brotherly feeling for him, and should I ever be privileged to come in close touch with him I know that a strong friendship will unite us in christian fellowship. Mr. Jernagan is gone to his reward, and I reverently say God bless his soul. I graduated from the Hospital College of Medicine, (Med. Dept. of Central University (Presb.) Louisville Ky. in 1878. I am a member of the N.Y. State Med. Soc. and also a member of the N.Y. State Soc. of Pharmacy. I practiced both in Buffalo, N.Y up to April 1908. Have had much experience in Minor Surgery, but have done little in Major Surgery, as the opportunity was seldom presented, but believe with my knowledge, and use of the knife I would succeed in conservative Surgery. Ordinary surgery I would not hesitate to undertake. I did not attend high school, although I had advanced

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subjects in a private school. My son will take his Med. course here when he is qualified, and will take up my work in whatever field I may be in.

Mr. McLaughlin left Sarsus sometime before we went out to Turkey. We were appointed by the Board of Trustees of St. Pauls Jurs. Mr. McLaughlin blamed Rev. J. L. Martin, and myself, for not knowing the state of affairs with Mr. Jenanyan, and said that we should have asked the Board to have shown us his correspondence on the subject of his troubles with Mr. Jenanyan. The Board told us distinctly that Mr. McLaughlin was to blame, and exonerated Mr. J. of all blame. The Board would not believe our statements of our experiences with this man, and said that the missionaries ~~had~~

of the A.B.C.F.M. and other resident missionaries in Asia Minor had poisoned our minds in regard to Mr. J as they had done Mr. McLaughlin. Mr. Martin, myself, and our wives were present at the last meeting of the Board, and Dr. Crosby cautioned us against the influence of the missionaries in Turkey, that they would endeavor to "poison" our minds. I have had considerable experience in Blood Work, and Bacteriology since I came here, and now appreciate the value of both in the diagnosis, and treatment of disease, and shall use these valuable adjuncts in my work. I leave here for Beirut the last of March as our Son must report at Mt. Hermon on the 29th. of April. The rest of my time here will be given to Bacteriology, and surgery. I forgot to say that Mr. Jenanyan made me a lot of enemies in Turkey, and did all he could to have the Board discredit me. I trust the A.B.C.F.M. will let me know by the 15 of March its decision, as I have other plans if not commissioned by it. God will settle it, and into His keeping have I given it all. I gladly go at His call.

Yours very sincerely and gratefully
R. M. S. Hamilton

MAR 3 1909

R. W. Cole

Judson Cottage, Oberlin O.
March 1st, 1909

Dear Dr. Barton; -

Your kind favor as to
r. Hamilton at hand &
dated the 26th ult.
It will be nice if Dr. Patton
Mr. Bell can see Dr. Hamilt-
n, and talk over his case.
e talked to me of going out at
is risk - without pay - for Em
ul when he asked if I thought
practice he could make up
pay I said for that place I
ared not. But now it turns
Adana on Board does
ot become involved in a
w, as he can support him-
elf, only he would like indorse-

ment of the Board & mission-
aries probably, so he not seem
like a trespasser in the regio.
& should the Board help it no
be as a grant perhaps on th
expenses going out. However
messrs Dr. P. Mr. B. talk thi
up it will be easily settle
& I think Gen will not obj
to my passing along this fa
to the so he may understa
the situation, tho as I think
wrote Gen he leaves for Bup
the last of this month it is not ea
so that some appointed tim
would better be talked up
correspondence perhaps, to make
meeting at Battle Creek Sanita
enclosures will show Cole is not
but I ought not be on my feet lo
at a time. Hastily, Cordially,

R. M.

MAR 27 1909

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Mrch.25th

Rev.James L.Barton, D.D.

Sec'y of American Board, Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr.Barton:-

We were very glad for yours of the 12th inst.and we were especially grateful for the month's Bulletin that has great interest for all of us Turks! I assure you.

I am sorry if Turkey is to lose Dr.Hambleton but sup- he feared toolong a delay to hear from Mr.Chambers by way of his Mission & hence he may have felt to accept some promptings of the many missionaries of different Societies there, and he seemed anxious to have it settled.

I am sorry also that Turkey is not to have the Proctors for, as you will have seen, from a note in last Congregationalist that he has accepted a Secretaryship of the "Congl.Church Extension Soc." of Spokane where he hopes for great things among the 100,000 inhabitants about in in place of the near 400,000 he might have had in some fields of Turkey! He writes me before we saw it in the paper that he had concluded not to go abroad & accept this chance feeling that it was an attractive work while he feared his age & wife's strength might be against their going abroad lest they not get hold of the language so quickly & the strain be too much for his wife. I hope he has written explanations to you friends as to his change On getting your letter I at once wrote him rather discouraging their delay of a year, as if to come here for study of the Armenian with us it appeared. Glad as we should be to have them here when we would help them in gaining the language-suggesting we had in the Freshman class of this college one of our Bitlis Boys High Sch.graduates who could also help them; still I said most missionaries felt it was better to learn the language on the ground among the people where one would have to practise as he learned & gain experience, I think, however, he had not received my letter when he wrote me, as we make no allusion to it in the letter at hand. I think I might say to you that I set down his wife-my niece,as I wrote you,as the one of the greater missionary spirit & she does not write me yet of their change that may grieve her.

We shall be glad to see & hear you at Oberlin at so a day near. At Thursday night's prayer meeting the pastor in asking for names of those desiring to entertain guests of"The Together Campaigners"said the meeting was to be on the 12th of April as they had been written to. Probably you go to some other appointment between the dates. We should like to know just the day & if on that date a lady-teacher candidate for foreign field could meet you or Dr.Patton should she apply. She is a Mrs.Cornelia B.Meytrott

Mrs.Meytrott was the wife of a college Prof. But he died after their

brief married life. She is left with a nice little boy about year & hal
old. She graduated with high honor from college & was made member of the
Phi-Beta-Kappa because of it. She is teacher in Cleveland but lives with
sister at Olmsted Falls where Miss McLaren late of Van lives & whose Con
church our son N.Franklin has charge & two of our daughters often out th
to see Miss McLaren know Mrs.Meytrott very well & think her a choice lad
She claims to have had the desire to be a missionary from childhood but
one directed her how to apply. She has had much experience in teaching,
finely educated. She has the little boy to be sure & may be 28 years old
but it seems a hard case to turn down one with such a burning desire wit
them to be in the missionary work abroad. A country place as that is the
seems not a little of the missionary-go spirit there as compared with so
larger places, as often happens. I have known very few foreign workers w
came from cities. Dr.Ussher was there with Miss McLarens one Sab., Mrs.C
& I & all three of our daughters several times, which ought to have some i
fluence in that direction & so one or two others hardly out of their teen
yet, talk the same matter more or less but we shall see how it turns when
their education is rounded out in the future.

Poor Miss McLaren is releived of her so weighty charge in
the care of her aged father-he having passed away some ten days ago & Fra
went out(some 20 miles) to attend to funeral services at the house tho
others were to be held in Cleveland where he was buried & where he has a
married daughter in pretty good circumstances I judge. She or some other
of the several children should have taken care of him so she not drop her
lifework to which she likely may desire now to return.

But I need say no more & when you see & look up the case you friends
will decide, and if it seems desirable to you & her to arrange a meeting
can come to our cottage where you saw us at home.

I am sure we must all rejoice at the good look of things in
certainly along the coast & larger towns, tho in such fanatical places as
it will not come all at once. Our last letter told of difficulties mostly
from the crazyheaded revolutionists & the shops were closed & had been fo
a week. With cordial greetings from us all.

Till we meet,

Yours sincerely,

R. M. Cole

Mar. 25-1909

R. M. Cole

Oberlin O.

APR 22 1909

Oberlin, Ohio. April 20/09

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

We trust you reached home all right, but must find themself doubly busy from the condition of things in Turkey. We grieve over the death of young Rogers whom we met had a pleasant acquaintance at the Cleveland meeting, and who was so near to deciding for Christ he said he could hardly look us squarely in the face from shame that he did not, but felt as he had left how could he bear the so responsible & many sided work we had laid down there. The Lord has His way of carrying forward His work & this loss of workers will we trust prove the seed of the church in those places that will bring forth a bountiful harvest. Knowing the Moslem as we did from near two score years residence as near neighbors to them we are not surprised at this much reaction, but hope and pray it may not go any further. We feel not a little anxious for Constantinople now the Sultan has carried some of the soldiers over to his side, as appears. From reports it would seem he has been passing money to parties to distribute among them, as they are said to be spending more than usual in town. Then, too, he seems holding his Albanian guard

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pretty well though the native country seems set-
ting up for themselves like Bulgaria. An Albanian
well advanced in the Theol. Semy here is just leaving
for home to show his patriotism for native land!
Meeting Dr. Park twice in gatherings these few days.
Who may have been the one who told you "Cole was
somewhat pessimistic as to the Turkey situation" had
many questions to ask I was so excited over the late
massacres he feared it would go back to the worse
out there! No, I said, this cannot be and I trust
the young Turk party will come into safe power after
a little by setting aside "the Great Assassin" to put
a better in his place. But we await anxiously to hear
as to safe to your friends during the transition there.
May we not hope that some of your assistants will pass
on to us at least Dr. Patton's Bulletin if no more as
to how matters are going for papers are not accurate.
It seems to me you at those Rooms might do a
good thing & strengthen Amer. Government in Turkey
if you impressed upon Washington authorities the
great importance of having a small fleet about
the Med. See as does Eng. for such emergencies.
The fleet must be kept up on expense somewhere & why
not a portion of it be over there which would be on
the way to Pacific coast if needed there & could be on
our Atlantic coast as soon as enemies that would
naturally see from over the Atlantic, not on Pacific coast.

MAY 5 1909

Judson Cottage, Oberlin Ohio
May 3d 1909

Dear Drs. Patton & Barton,
Secretaries of the Board,

Dear Drs. P. & B.

For some reason our Nellie's case is laged at your offices, meanwhile she is in danger of losing golden opportunities to teach these regions - one of them here in O. where could be at home. I wonder if the situation things in Turkey & doubt as to time of the Board's return to Erzerroum are in the question when at the Rooms. Are you to send back to this as a teacher in any case? Mrs. Co. writes Nellie cordially, as if in any case they should wish her to come out with them this year, but we know actual appointments do not rest with them but with you & the W. B. M. Could you not serve Nellie for her ~~even~~ later? In any case will you telegraph at once how it stands so both of the opportunities pass - one of which will have her come 8 to the month? later. Time is so short we are telegraphing you but let this come on as well.

Prof. Moore of Harvard is delivering fine course lectures on Comparative Religions that we seek ~~send~~ attend & enjoy them. Hastily, Yr. R. M. Cole

Oberlin - O May 8-1904.

MAY 28 1909

Judson Cottage, Oberlin, May 27/09

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Many thanks for yours referring especially to our Nellie's going to Erzerum. She is, per plan, & in accord with Dr. Patton's letter to her, to set out with the party for the special Conference of new recruits the coming Monday P.M. at ~~3.40~~ 4.56 P.M. & they should arrive at B. & Albany depot of your city at 3.40 of Tues. P.M. June 1st as now understood. But Mr. De Haan bound for China seems rather in charge of the party as appears this writing would naturally be followed if he writes the Rooms before hand, as naturally he should so some one could meet them at the station & direct them where they are to be lodged &c. It will be our living epistle to you all & can report as to us all. Hastily. Cordially yours

R. M. Cole

Oberlin - O - May 27, 1909.

Oberlin Ohio June 25/09

Dear Mr. Kinsey

Yesterday I received your letter in which you say you are disappointed that she turns back from going out with the Crawfords this year, even more so perhaps has it been to me but that I as a father have urged her on in the least, for of age as she is it seemed to us better and the appropriate thing she act for herself. And yet we must admit that she was much worked down from the duties of the last year here in Oberlin where they did push ed - matters to such an extent but when she got back from Boston

by way of N.Y. City where she visit
a few days with her bro. This ne
wife she has almost in danger o
nervous prostration, and a delay
at least seemed very important
We hope to admit also that ou
son, the New York lawyer's in
fluence, tended all the more t
hold back. This, then, is the situ
and we must make the best of it
disappointing as it. It almost
makes me feel like one of our
young men in Britain who was a
trying to win the hand & heart of
a young daughter but had to carry the
matter on with the mother rather you
& what has his surprise to have h
say "take me"! and in the end he did
If my doctors would approve my
physical status would warrant it I
should say Send me back, for my
heart goes out that way. We hope you
will be able to arrange as to any ou

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, June 28/0

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D., Sec'y A.B.C.F.M.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

We are exceedingly sorry at the way it has turned with reference to our daughter Nellie A. who so recently returned from your Conference for new recruits at Boston. We had no idea of how it was turning till she arrived from N.Y. City where she visited three days with her much older brother & his new wife at their home.

If only his enthusiasm had been a tenth of ours for her going it might not have gone back as it did. During the eight years she was separated from us he as an older brother had taken our place in advice to quite an extent, and made her fear that if she were to go out even for five years she might not see her father again, if she did her mother-all of which made her heart very sad, tired & worked down as she was, and she is a great home body but feels it all the more sort of run down as she is from pressure of the year's study supplemented by the trip on to Boston & attending the Conference.

We shall see how matters develop later on, but for the present we must give some time for her to rest & gather up & meditate. Of course you understand that we counted her of age and she decided the question herself-we only tiding her along in appropriate lines if she desired advice, and we should not be set down as having pushed her.

The dear Lord lead her & us all in finding out what is His will!

It reminds me a little of how one of our young men in Bitlis was seeking a young lady's hand, but the mother not being much if any older than he & feeling the daughter was too young said "Take me" and he did! If I were to say so of ourselves what would you think and then we should hold Nellie for Treb. May the Lord direct for us all!

I thank you much for yours of May 11th. As you hint in it we too hope conditions are settling down in Turkey, tho if Crete set things going we fear complications. But the Lord He is God & reigns.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Cole

C. W. Cole

Oberlin O.

June 28-1909.

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio
July 5th 1909

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

I note what you say in your kind communication as to importance of not mixing home & foreign departments in business matters. If I hinted to Mr Hosmer about the case of our daughter being known in the Rooms (tho I do not recall that I did) I also had in mind to write you the same date on the matter & did only some two days later & my letter must have crossed yours on the way. I wrote the Treas.r & Mr. Hosmer first lest matters of the outfit be pushed forward since it was in their hands & I returned the $65 check Mr. Higgin sent on her outfit because of her delay at least for a year to my regret. She at once wrote Miss Stanwood of the W.B.M. even before I wrote Mr. Hosmer.

I suppose Dr. Underwood will have told you there is little prospect of his return to Eur & hinted that a doctor should be found at once to take over the

Sincerely yours
R. M. Cole

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Oberlin, O. Aug. 26th - 1909

Rev. James L. Barton D. D., Sec'y A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr. Barton; -

It hardly seems natural for me not to pass along a word now & then tho we are not on the field. I wonder if Mr. Maynard keeps you posted as to B. matters from time to time. As per his to us dated 5th inst. he was busy & interested in writing usual Station Report which you probably will have in hand ere this. He may have told you of his escapade with that same old (a young man) muarif or inspector of roads. & who seems to die hard for all the new Gov't régime. He would only have Mr. M. go where & do what Mr. Cole did, as being Mr. C's representative - no aggression, no progress there you see. The Vali, too, objected to giving fabtich for usual summer camp, to which our young bro. pleasantly told him "Our blood may be upon your head" - the orientalism, you know for responsibility, but he added sub voce for our benefit "it probably will be in our veins!"

Mr. M. may have told you of the two revolver incidents one at the house of our rich Gregorian neighbor & the other ~~in court~~ at door of our Boys' sch. & all because child-like Armenians go wild over firearms now tolerated but so long wholly out of use of course accidents occur.

Since the Maynards arrived near $5,000.00

has been given out mostly by our trusty native Committee & the abject poor that seemed bordering on starvation - the Elys saying that never had they seen such poverty - not even under war or famine.

Our factory for the orphans we purchased for a little over $400.00 now - half price - has paid for itself in rent and quite to our joy Mr. M. reports a little more than paid its expenses the past year & the boys learn trades. We have collected not a few small sums to help them & friends in Ireland, Eng. & Geneva have also helped.

Our old Y. M. C. has been set running within which politics are talked ad. lib. once a week with no one to spy them out under present conditions.

Suitable honor was shown the Elys in view of the 70th birthday of the older one - Miss Charlotte, and not a few presents handed in by many friends.

But why should I refer to these things which may be like sending "coals to Newcastle", since Mr. M. must have given you many a letter ere this, but as yet like B's fate seems to have no place in the Herald. Some of our friends searched high & low in "Sifter Sight" & Herald to see as to B. if we were still there after the earthquake, but could not make out till they saw something as to it in N.Y. Christian Herald when they cut out & mounted on cardboard the picture & wrote on asking more questions as to B.

3/ But I must not take your time further than to say in closing that I have received a few days since an important letter from a trusty old pupil & employee in orphanage who sent to his bros. (one of them graduates from B. sch.) in Baku, Russia. He thinks our Board should be opening a work in that land. In Baku are 3 Prot. churches - one Russions & very spiritual, another Suttheran, not so much so, & one Prot. Armenians who have no preacher but an editor of a paper leads them in the services. &c

Yr Bless God for the good time you are to have the coming and meeting. Gladly would I mingle in that goodly company at such a month of privilege but fear it would be too hard for my physical status tho can hardly stand as much as at Cleveland two years ago & I could only attend part of meeting, tho our thoughts & prayers will be with you & oh that the doctor might be speedily found to take Dr. Underwood's place in Erzroom. It hardly seems right to have three doctors right along in a row at Mardin. Diar & Mardin with two other doctors at Van with Bitlis & Erzrum left this way. If Mrs. Stapleton breakes down in trying to keep up that hospital & her children suffer, we should not be surprised, as I hinted to Dr. Patton the other day.

Sincerely Yours.

R. M. Cole

Cherlin O.
Mr. Cole
Aug. 26-1909

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Oberlin O. Sept. 1/09

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D. Secy A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

In going over what was said in Life & Light & the Herald ~~what has said~~ about the interesting exercises held at Dalton, N. H. on the Commissioning of Miss Richmond for Caesarea, Turkey, and reading about it in the local paper of that region I was thinking How many of the missionaries in the foreign field, Home too, in this matter, come from the country places. Years before we went to Turkey right across the Conn. River ~~right~~ by Dalton was set aside a Rev. Mr. Goss for work in Turkey; and then Mrs. G. & myself from adjoining towns while a Miss Wells also daughter of Boston, of a long-ch new years ago to So. Africa. And so it is if once it might be known most of them come from country places - many of them from ~~from~~ rock-bound, mountainous old N. H. and Vermont, and during my forty years in Turkey I have only met with two or three that I knew came from large cities. Come whence they may as they go let

proclaim the Gladtidings. peace on Earth good will to men.

We rejoice in the goodly company that have gone on for what we trust is to be a rich harvest of souls in all the field & especially so in Turkey where the set time seems to have come to favor Zion

Sincerely

R. M. Cole

Oberlin O.

Sept. 1-1909.

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Judson Cottage Oberlin, Ohio, Sept. 30/09

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton: -

Not long hence you will be on your way to the meeting of the Board at Minn. & you will not call this very most likely. Seems to me you were chairman of a Com^ee on work in Russia or rather on opening a work there, tho' it was for two years ago most likely. But I thought you might be interested in the enclosure & really if I might gain a little more & get doctors on my side next season I might talk up seriously what I have hinted to you as to what I might do there for a few years. Of course Williams is being sent out for only three years by the Board perhaps he might be worth some such consideration.

Thanks for your circular to the missions as also your

letter referring to the fact most glorious that the beloved Board closed the year with no debt; but that there is no prospect of a man to take Dr. Underwood's place which how Mrs. Dr. Stapleton in trying to fill seems to have lost the second & only son left them.

May the spirit of the Master rest richly upon your coming meeting!

Sincerely yours

R. M. Cole

Later I may refer to parts of your circular but have not time just now & I wished to send on the word from Russia promptly.

R. M. Cole

Sept. 30-1909.

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. . . Quotations from one of Mr.Cole's pupils up in Russia.

. . ."Tho I have not written you for sometime from loss of your address be assured that your love & care for us have given you a large place in myheart. When I was taken off to prison & my school closed you worked for my release and in the end gave me work near you in Bitlis so I not be arrested again. Since you left for America I succeeded in reaching Russia, but have not taken up any work for myself but assist my brothers in their shop & have learned some of the Russian language. However I have no plans for remaining in this land, but only am waiting to see as to reforms in Turkey ere I return, but news of the terrible things taking place in Adana holds me still in this distasteful country where religion has no significance even for the so-called educated classes, while morality is very much neglected indeed.

I wonder as to the health of you & Mrs.Cole & your children. Would that once more I might have the good fortune to live under your care! I often have letters from the teachers"(Elys)"and they show great desire to have me to return, and so I purpose to do, if God wills it. I wonder if the time has not come to cultivate this country with the blessed Gospel. All is very ready for such but alas! there are no laborers. In Baku city on the Caspian sea shore are three Protestant churches,-one Russian, one Lutheran & one Armenian. The Lutheran are given much to ceremony but the Russians are very earnest Christians & have a German pastor while the Prot.Armenians have no pastor or preacher though the editor of"The Good Tidings"paper leads them in their Sab.service without remuneration. This same brother in the faith went down into Turkey last winter & was in Bitlis with good result for a few days, as some of our friends made mention in some letter-perhaps a native. There is no prejudice among the people now, and could they have good regular preachers the Lord's work would prosper very quickly in the land. The time has come when the American Board Society should turn attention to this unfortunate land." The above is a somewhat free translation of a letter from an old Bitlis pupil who taught in one of our village school for a time but had to give it up from the interference of the Turkish government in closing our schools in the Akhlat province north of west end of Van lake; but he is a pretty level-headed & reliable man with family & is some thirty years old. He indicates they are free to hold meetings without let or hindrance, and may not all such go to show that the favored time,yea "the set time"come to put in the Gospel net in that land so needy of its principles! The above letter reached me very recently & is hardly six weeks old. May Heaven lead us to that almost Godforsaken land posing under the name of Christian!

Hudson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio. Royal M.Cole.

Sept.30th, 1909.

Mr. Pa, Cook

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Oberlin Ohio, Nov. 4/09

Rev. James L. Barton D.D.,

Dear Dr. Barton;—

If all things considered we were not quite equal to going to the Board's glorious meeting at Minneapolis we had echoes of it in Dr. Bradsham's full report at First church in place of Sab. morning sermon; besides in personal talks with our near neighbor Dr. Jones of India & in a brief visit he had with our former associate Mr. Knapp now of Harpoot. Yesterday too, Mrs. C. was back from the meeting of ladies of First & Sec'd churches where Mrs. Jones reported A.B.C.F.M. & Amer. the W.B.M. one while Mrs. Hodous talked on China.

We are almost in danger of dissipating in meetings, lectures, concerts, &c.—going beyond our power of endurance, for we have been so long shut out from such over in Bitlis we almost go wild over them. The Profs. in the musical Conservatory kindly favor us with honorary tickets so we have an hour or two of sort of concerts in student & art recitals every week. This is indeed a mount of privilege for its educational, church, musical & society opportunities, though the climate does not agree with us so well as that of Turkey—it being given to sudden changes up to 60-70 degrees a day sometimes.

These institutions are unusually full of students - well on to 2000 all told, and they are so cosmopolitan that at the International Club recently held at the Seminary 30 to 40 were present and we were invited to join them. There were Armenians, Bulgarians, Japanese, Chinese Russian, &c.

May the Lord bless them all & make them useful to their races & countries!

With cordial greetings

Yours R. M. Cole

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R. M. Cole

Nov. 4-1909

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Judson Cottage, Oberlin, Ohio, Dec. 11th, 1909.

Rev. James L. Barton, D. D.,
Sec'y of American Board,
Boston, Mass.,

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I thank you for asking, in a recent communication, as to my thought of a possible return to Turkey for another brief campaign.

I know what I should like to give for my personal reply, but fear it might not comport with the better judgment of my doctors, as well as members of my own family considering all we have been through in T. these near 40 years.

When friends asked us under recent massacre times in T. if we were not glad we were out of that country?" my answer was, "I am sorry I am not there with my near forty years experience in manipulating the Turks & Kourds, but I am glad that my family are out of it considering all they went through in the other massacre excitements'. But as you hint obviously it would not be well to hasten to take up again "the stress & strain of work in Turkey", and most of all in the Interior where horseback riding is called for largely.

Meanwhile we are keeping up our Oriental language- having reading & family prayers once a day in Armenian. With our Nellie A. & Mary E. both Volunteers Turkey, or Armenian spoken regions are likely to hear from us the coming year. You know full-well as to my physical infirmities, and among them perhaps my varicose leg is the most serious consideration, for I have to sit much of the time with it elevated in a horizontal position to stay the pain somewhat & avoid danger of ulcers which I had once in the past. As time goes on, I am sorry to say, it grows worse rather than better.

But my mind often turns towards Trebizond as a base for work in Russia, as you may recall I hinted to you here in the call you kindly made us in O. Economy would be our motto, so far as appropriate & Nellie A. would probably be with us in our temporary home, but she would naturally fill the place she was listed for last year-taking charge of that Kindergarten work of that region in training native girls, as per earnest desire of the Crawfords, for though she has occasional headaches doctors do not understand she would be all right & a success we feel confident. Naturally our campaign would only be some 4 or 5 years but long enough perhaps to put an opening wedge into Gospel work in Russia that a younger man could step into, as in work of Bitlis.

I have correspondence with friends in Russia who feel the set time to favor Russia in gospel work has come, but with over 30,000 exiles in Siberia & not a few spies about a little time may be needed still. Sitting by a Russian in the Inter-national Club of the College & Sem'y here where were 30-40 of some 12 nationalists & as many languages, in speaking of prospects in his country for religious & educational freedom his reply was "More blood is needed before it comes" were about his words. Just now coming from our grocer's I passed a few words with graduate of our Bitlis Boys' High Sch. & who is in this college. He & other Armenians often call us, Bulgarians, etc., so we have a chance to do Missionary work right here even by encouraging the lonely ones. Twice two Armenian women who came on from Turkey with Prof. & Mrs. Lybyer who has been teacher in Robert College; they had little language & were so glad to speak in their mother tongue! Sincerely yours, R. M. Cole

Mr. Pr. Cal.

Charles G. Dec. 11-1909

Mrs. R. M. Cole

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Bitlis. Jan. 13. 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton. D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:—

Mr. Cole intended to write to you to-day, but as it is "New Year" for the Armenians the brethren claim his time calling on representative men. He has now gone to call at the Vartabeds and other. As it is Ramazan they call for our letters early this afternoon, instead of the evening—

Yours of Dec. 4th came duly— Both Mr. C and I feel strongly that a missy physician can not relieve us much in the general missionary work— It seems to us that a lady physician might attend to the orphanage and schools as well as the missy circle even tho. she could not practice outside, and an all round missy come to our help. The death of Dr. Leghia throws all the medical work in the orphanage on Mr. Cole— A part of the time this is not a heavy burden, but when epidemics prevail as has been the case twice at a time last year, the burden of care and anxiety it entails is not slight— At one time Mr. C. had the care of seven down

with Typhoid Fever in the school - They all lived, to our great joy, but the anxiety felt for them day and night was very wearing -

Miss Ely is slowly convalescing. It takes almost nothing to drive away her sleep, and that affects her badly - We try to keep all worries away from her, but are not always successful - She still keeps in her room and sees few people -

The daily meetings this week have been well attended, and an earnest spirit has been manifest - Several of the orphans wished to take some part in the meetings for the first time. Though few new voices have been heard in prayer, yet many of the professed followers of Christ have received a new baptism of the Spirit -

Very hastily but cordially,

L. C. Cole (Mrs. R. M.)

Pittsburg, Jan. 13, 1900

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Bitlis. Sep. 18. 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton. D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The copies of two letters, or letter and new notes may sufficiently explain our condition.

We moved down from the mt. yesterday partly because it was too cold to be safe in tents, but chiefly because so many duties required our presence here. The ladies have rooms as well as tents, and can remain some days longer. The faithful guards remain and the ladies said they felt no fear remaining without us.

The articles we have seen respecting late occurrences in the first storm center understate the whole affair. For prudential reasons we do not give the history, which we understand all too well. Mr. C. delayed his tour Moushward several weeks to avoid suspicion of being a reporter; but there were pressing reasons for his presence in M. and he felt he could not longer delay. Mr. C. told the Pasha that he ought to-

have frankly told him there were reasons why he wished him to defer going to M. The Pasha apologized "humbly" for not doing so. Possibly the bourally may be given day after tomorrow, but probably not until the Pasha and his company return from their tour of inspection to Dazoun.

This already discouraged people are losing heart entirely.

We are burdened for the newly bereft people in those villages that were rebuilt at such labor and expense. We have a small sum on hand for that Mt. people, that came from friends in England, but it is difficult to use it without arousing enmity on the part of their assailants.

I have written these hurried lines at Mr. B's request. I could not prescribe for the sick among the orphans, but I could take his class in school, entertain his callers, and write some of his letters.

With cordial greetings to Mrs. Barton and yourself.

Sincerely, L. B. Cole.

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Bitlis. Nov. 27. 1900.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

The inclosed copy of Mr. Cole's letter to Consul Bergholz will give you an idea of the situation here. Though we have no expectation of serious results, yet we do not forget Mr. Knapp's trying experience and deportation. It was said then by friendly Turks that it was the beginning of the expulsion of Americans and later on an effort would be made to rid themselves of these so-called quels. The attitude of the local officials has however, been uniformly cordial. The people have spoken repeatedly with pride in the honor shown by the officials one and all to their missionary. On this account it is all the more a surprise the attitude taken at Bonjle. We have special arrangements for telegraphing Bonjle and Tan, as a precautionary measure suggested by Consul Bergholz. I've written this to assist Mr. C. whose hands are more than full of work these

busy days. We miss the Missy Herald and Life & Light, but are rejoicing in a bundle of papers Dr. Denny sent us. Evidently certain kinds of literature miscarry less en route to Mardin than Billie.

We hope the photos. of several orphans sent you recently will reach you. The work in the orphanages is full of encouragement. Their advancement is so rapid that it is a continual joy and inspiration to us.

With cordial greetings from our household.

Yours truly,

(Mrs. R. M.) L. C. Cole.

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Bitlis - March 18. 1901.

Rev. J. L. Barton. D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

A letter received from Mihran Kapriclian of Perchenj A. pl. is my apology for inflicting on you this chapter of past history - A year ago, when we had reason to think some of our teachers had the American fever Mr. Cole informed all the teaching force that thereafter the old rule would be reinstated, namely those who were not going to continue next year would receive no salary in vacation; their year closing with the school year July 15th. - But those teachers who were going to remain another year would be entitled to their salaries during the vacation - Mihran had been planning to take a theological course, but when word came that there would be no class at Harpoot until 1901. then he wrote from his home in Mogoonk village (½ hour from Mouch) that he had decided to remain there if we wished him. and asked that a generous salary be

gin him, as he had many expenses.
Mr. Cole replied that he would allow him 220 pe. a month. He felt this was all the Mission would indorse, for a few years ago two of our graduates from Harpoot Theo. Sem. who have families were having 250 pe. a month. But at the Mission meeting they were cut down to 220 pe. Mihran was only a High School graduate, and with his young wife were going to live in his late father's house, and would have the benefit of the fields. Besides living in a village rendered his expenses lighter. This was a much larger sum than any other of his grade receive; but we felt he was particularly needed in that village and region, and knew he would not stay on a smaller salary. We wrote expressing great surprise that so paltry a sum was thought of, at the same time saying he had a great desire to remain; but now he begin to get out his expatriation papers to join his two brothers in the U. S.
Failing in this he started without any papers for Perchenj with his uncle from that village (Perchenj). Mr. Cole wrote the facts

very briefly to Harpoot, but put in no protest against his being employed. The Harpoot brethren are not willing to give him work without our testimonial in view of old international comity, and he remained with the unemployed until Dec. 2 felicis. We think he is now paid nearly wholly by the people, but are not sure.

Miss Mary Ely wrote a private letter to Mr. Knapp entering fully into details, so she told me afterwards, and wrote "I think Mr. Cole has been very patient with Mihran".

This week comes an astounding letter from Mihran demanding £10 to pay for vacation arrears and damage to him remaining without work. He was paid when here till Aug. 1 tho. his school duties closed July 14 or 15.

He says if Mr. C. refuses to send the money he shall write about the whole affair to the papers and appeal to the A. B. C. F. M. That he shouldn't say anything about it, but his need of funds is so pressing.

He puts in the list the July salary as though unpaid; but within his receipt till Aug. 1.

In his agitated state he has the usual Oriental

exaggerated way of stating things.
This $10 he wishes for damage, or in other words "hush money" can not conscientiously be sent him - He complains in this letter that Mr. C. has been severe with him, and so with all his employees -
I am almost always present, Dr. Barton, at all the interviews with the preachers and teachers and can bear testimony to Mr. C's great patience with them -
Ever since "the split" the people in this region are in a nervous, agitated state, which makes them easily irritated and harder to get along with. They are constantly saying this of themselves, and we know it is true, and pity only, in many cases, where we should otherwise blame them -
In Mihran's case his present ingratitude (for he was formerly as ardent a friend) is doubly hard to bear; for we have known him from childhood, and he has received countless favors from the one he now tries to injure -
We are all in usual health, with more work demanding our attention than we can possibly compass.

Sincerely yours. L. C. Cole (Mrs R. M.)

P. S. -

To be forewarned is to be forearmed in case you should wish the facts, otherwise you might as well cast it into the pigeon hole unread, unless an emergency should arise -

Since writing my letter word came from Mihran to our preacher that he has given up the idea spreading the story through the newspaper, and possibly he will think better than to trouble you - The preacher here was so annoyed at the time his previous impudent letter came (sent open for the preacher to read and pass on to me) that he will be likely to write him plainly on the matter -

Mihran has always had exceptional treatment from the missionaries and larger salary, as did his father before him - the late Rev. Hagop Kapriliian, whom we sent to Constantinople at so much expense, to be treated for cancer, but he died there - The treatment Mihran received caused jealousy among other employes resulting in the loss of one teacher, who went to California one a year ago - Mihran was allowed

extra here for living among and supervising the boarders in our boy's school and orphanage-

de for "damage" we are the one who should claim that, as he left the work so crippled in the Moushi region, and his inexperienced, younger brother there so involved in work as to seriously endanger his health-

L. C. C.

Bills, Feb. 18, 1901

Bitlis.
Turkey in Asia.

Rev. Judson Smith, D.D. Nov. 8. 1901.

Dear Dr. Smith:-

Mr. Cole tried to get time to write to you before starting for Mouch, but he was so crowded with work, which couldn't be put off, that he asked me to write.

The day before he left he went with Consul Freeman to call on the acting Pasha (the Pasha is still at Mouch). He informed this official of his desire to visit the Akhlat villages where he has schools and people. There was no mistaking the decided negative. Then Mouch was spoken of. The reply was "We do not wish you to go;" among other reasons the argument of the unfavorable weather for a man of his years was urged etc. etc. Being that Mr. Cole was not to be deterred by any flimsy reasons the argument was shifted to friendship; and he was urged for friendship's sake to give up the idea of travelling anywhere outside

of this city - "Later on I myself will go with you" said the official -
Mr. C. said "I have waited fourteen months already for friendship's sake, and I am practically a prisoner here, as you say I am not at liberty to leave the city."
"No. God forbid, you are not a prisoner" he replied - Then he continued urging Mr. C. to wait a little longer, "wait till the Pasha returns" - He kept repeating "for friendship's sake" -
The Consul spent a long time going over the whole ground, talking in very pleasant but decided way about the injustice of preventing Mr. C. from visiting his school and people in Mosul.
It was alleged by the official that it was very dangerous to travel, as the roads are infested by wild Kourds -
"Is it unsafe for the Consul?" "No, no I will give a strong guard of five soldiers, one of them an officer" -
At last after about two hours conversing the subject, and no permit for Mr. Cole being obtained the Consul informed

the official that he proposed to take Mr. Cole along with him to Mosul and would inform him by letter if that was his decision -

Accordingly after returning here the Consul wrote a formal document which Mr. C. translated into Armenian, and our Dintab student put into good Turkish -

Our Minister requested Mr. C. to send in writing to the Porte a notice of his intended journey and time of starting (provided he had been refused an escort) specifying where he was going, and stating that our Minister demanded his safety at the hands of the Porte -

A polite reply was received, but again urging that Mr. C. would delay his journey, but as tho. he accepted the inevitable added this clause. "Still, if Mr. Cole goes this time let him not consider that it is any precedent for journeying in the future" -

It has been written, from Constantinople, that probably, some of the Bitlis officials

have enmity toward Mr. Cole -
I do not believe it, for nothing has
occurred to warrant it - All the
officials show friendliness whenever
he meets them, and call here to see
him always showing great cordiality -
He has always taken great pains
to get on well with the officials -
I do not pretend by this to believe that
the presence of any foreigner, i.e., at
this juncture, desired in this Empire
The Consul was treated with great honor
by the officials, but he said no one
brought any charge against Mr. Cole
except one, who said that he made
Protestants; consequently he was
hindered from journeying.
This of course refers to Dawson - But
all the time he was there re-building
the ruined province he preached the
Gospel. but said nothing to persuade
them to be called Protestants - It was a
changed heart and life he desired to
see, not a mere change in name -

Yours truly, L. C. Cole (Mrs. Cole)

Pillar, Nov. 8 - 1901
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Bitlis,
Turkey in Asia.
May 8. 1903

J. L. Barton D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

My husband tried to answer your of April 11th before he set out for Moush yesterday morning, but there wasn't a moment he could give to his letters. I have taken them in hand, but can find no quiet moments for writing. Dr. & Underwood's class in English, and Mr. Cole's two classes in High School fall to me during his absence, and my daughters lessons must not be neglected meantime. So many questions are continually arising that require thought and time; many of them I write down to refer to Mr. C. on his return; others must be decided without delay. The larger part of these refer to the orphanage, schools and relief work. Our daughters are a great help in entertaining one set of callers when I am engaged with others; in their tactful way she will send away people actually smiling

even tho. their requests had to be refused - I am afraid I can never do that so successfully as she does. Then, too, the German Orphanage boys (who are small) are more under her care than mine except their food and lessons -

In about a month she expects to leave home to join Miss Lord and party for the long journey to Berlin. The present plan is to sail direct from Lubizond, July 2nd, to Marseille; thence via Paris to London - taking the American Transport Line to New York. Her great dread of leaving us makes us try to conceal from her the pain this separation will be to us who remain. She has been almost hands, feet and everything to her parents these four years and more since our return - helpfulness and sunshine would characterize her life here, where many of her age would have voted it a dull place. We tried to leave the Lubizond question entirely in the hands of our great Leader, but it did not seem to be His will that our wish to go should be granted -

The work here has been increasingly hard these past four years; how hard Mr. G's letters have only faintly portrayed -

I fell if he could be transferred to another place where conditions were less trying, he would then work up to his strength, not continually beyond it as he is now doing, and his life be prolonged.

Dr. Underwood and family are delightful associates, but their time must, in the nature of things, be given largely to medical work. They desire to do all the evangelistic work they may find time for; but that evidently will be very little. We are sure you will bear Bitti on your heart and send reinforcements as soon as possible. It does take so long before a new man can be thoroughly initiated into all the ins and outs of the work, especially in these times of emergencies so often arising.

It looks as though the annual meeting would at last really materialize in July this year. Mr. Cole will take Mannie as far as Khartoum or Fazoglo (Mr. Lord plans leaving Faz. the 26th of June). As the date of the meeting isn't settled yet, I do not know whether he will return in season to help represent Bitti at Tanta or not.

Three dates or four have already been suggested

by different members of the Mission.
I said he would go to Erzerum with Mamie, but he may have to go as far as Trebizond; that too, is not evident yet.
The earthquakes are continuing, tho. the shocks are not so severe as they were last week. There were two last night, and one yesterday. Already the number has reached a higher figure here than ever before — nearly forty in our record. Tho. the people say they have counted many more.
The stories that come to us from the villages are heart-rending. But of this later, when Dr. M. returns with fuller reports from the distressed province, where the mortality has been the greatest.
The efficient Dr. and Mrs. Harris of Cambridge, here almost every day.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. R. M.) L. C. Cole.

Bitlis, May 8, 1903

P. S.

Since writing the above, a telegram has come announcing $100 for the relief of those left alive in the earthquake districts. This in response to a request of Mr. C's by tel. asking for aid if possible. What a help this will be to the sufferers!

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Bitlis.

Turkey in Asia.

Rev. J. L. Barton D. D. May 28. 1904

Dear Dr. Barton:-

My husband asked me to write a line to send with Halchman's note, as he was too hurried to add more - I am somewhat puzzled, for there is so much I would like to say, and yet it does not seem prudent to say anything clearly about the times in which we live - We are grieved beyond measure at the suffering endured by many, and the disheartened, discouraged feeling of the subject race in this region -

A tel from Dr. Underwood, just received, announcing his safe arrival, and that of his family at Erzeroum - the eleventh day after leaving here! We are a very small colony now with Mr. Heathcote at Mosul - Already medical work makes demands on Mr. Cole's time - It is work that strongly appeals to him always - Dr. Underwood said, when on the eve of leaving for a few months, "Well, Mr. Cole is more than half a doctor himself." We have had cause

many and many a time to be grateful for that fact; yet overworked as he is, all the time, I shrank from his again, taking upon himself the responsibility that medical work involves. It felt as if we could not consent to Dr. and Mrs. Underwood's absence at this time, but as they are both doctors, naturally the decision had to be left to them.

The sanitary condition of these Eastern cities is not favorable to weak, delicate babies; but Dr. U's house was exceptionally well located, almost like being out in the country. At any rate they believed that a change must be made to save Evelyne's life, and acted accordingly.

We hope the political horizon will be clear before Fall. We have had many fears about our Willie coming, on account of the disturbed state prevailing; but we believe we may make some of these clouds will have flown away. If she comes with Miss Lord to Cz. then Dr. Underwood says he will escort her from Cz. to Billie, and no one will have to make an extra journey on her account. This would be a saving of Miss's time & quite an item in expense. Yours sincerely, (Mrs. C. H.) C. C. Cole

Battle, Mich. Aug 8, 1904

Mrs. R. M. Cole

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Bitlis, June 6. 1904.

Rev. James L. Barton. D. D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Mr. Cole asks me to add a few words to what he has written about an associate for the Misses Ely - We are all fully persuaded, that until Miss Knapp's coming or non-coming is decided the thought, even, of anyone as an associate for them will not be entertained for a moment - But if she is to return they leave entirely to her the choice of an associate - If she is not to return they can not but see the necessity of another teacher being on the ground prepared to assist them until they shall pass over the school into younger hands - It has seemed to be their intention to give the responsibility of the school

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to Miss Knapp on her return, tho. it would be only in form, as they have been at the head of it so long.

Hmm. I wish they would be willing have two new associates. if Miss Knapp does not return. Two would be so much better in every way. Then the Misses Ely could do more house to house work for which they are better fitted than a younger woman would be.

It would be a very trying position for one young woman to inaugurate new methods, but two could do wonders. I like the idea of trying for Miss Thy again. She is strong enough to carry her own ideas; and has had so much experience they would respect her. Whereas, a new teacher, inexperienced in the Orient, would be almost certain to fall in with their conservative ideas. They always cared for Miss Knapp as a daughter; and carried all the care and worry themselves. She would have developed better if she had been where she had to bear some responsibility. Yours sincerely,

Mrs. R. M. E. C. Cole

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Ans'd OCT 6 1904

Bitlis.
Turkey in Asia.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D. D. Aug. 16, 1904.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

My husband hoped to find time to write you today, but work has crowded him and he asks me to give you a glimpse of our situation.

The doubtful state of affairs has spread to the Bitlis region and various skirmishes have taken place not far from Mush-now. In two of the villages the residents fled in season to prevent much loss of life. But one village woman was killed and two more wounded, is our latest word. The reports are so varied we can not get any authentic word, but we believe at least seventy Turkish soldiers were killed with but one from the agitators, and two wounded.

They set fire to a part of one village, and whatever was valuable is supposed to have been plundered.

In this city a prominent Armenian had started for market when he met his death at the hands of some nomad Kourds. They

disappeared, & witnesses are ordered to say it was the work of the agitators! This threw the city into a panic, or rather the affrays at three villages and this occurring at the same time, Merchants fled from the market, and now for ten days the Armenian part is deserted - Effort has been made to induce them to return, but without avail -

The arrival of the Vali (from Mosul) today may give more confidence, but people are so disheartened it will not be easy to gain their confidence -

Dr. Norton of Harpoot arrived a week ago today - As affairs seem quieting down a little he proposes to continue his journey to Van, returning here later, and perhaps visiting Bozoum as well - The Van British Consul, Capt. Tyrrell, is still at Mosul - Mr. Cole has written him & to Constantinople urging the necessity of two Consuls remaining in that region for some time to come - We understand that Capt. Tyrrell is persuaded to the wisdom of that advice -

I think the villagers have never since 96 felt so insecure as they do now - Dr. Norton

think there is no special fear for Mouch itself, but the numerous villages on the plain are in great danger. Tiflon suffered severely within a few weeks, and even in Mouch the people are in constant terror. One of our Bible congregation who expected to leave here in a few days has filled upon filled at Mouch which he made to sell before leaving. (the former Prof. Melcon's nephew of Harpoot) but he is so intimidated that he says, "They must all go & dare not go out there". He is a shrewd business man who wouldn't lose a penny if he could help it.

The road to the South is anything but safe. The teacher for our Boys High School, who is coming from Antab, can not come the direct route, but must come via Harpoot. Merchants here are in doubt about ordering goods. We have encouraged them to go straight ahead, believing that the clouds would lift.

We hope and pray and labor on, but it is up hill work with our sympathies so severely taxed for this suffering people. We need a double portion of courage, perseverance

faith and cheerfulness to stay up the hands of all these timid, despairing ones. May God have mercy on this land!

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. R. M.) L. C. Cole

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Bitlis.

Sep. 13. 1904.

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Mr. Cole and Miss Ely started for Mousch this morning with Dr. Norton of Harpoot, who is going to spend several days at Mousch, then a little time up in the vicc. of Sassoun. It was very difficult for Mr. C. to leave at this time, even tho. the need of the tour was so imperative. The schools beginning this week; and the non-appearance of the Aintab graduate - 27 days since he left Aintab - the departure of several families from our congregation the last of this week, on their long journey to Fresno Cal; and the many other duties on hand complicated matters. But there were mighty reasons in favor of making the tour just now which decided the question.

Though Mr. C. was up at 3. a. m. writing the promised letters for the emigrating party he could not write the letter he wished to give. Indeed he did not finish reading our children's letters, which came yesterday noon!

It has been a great pleasure having Dr. Barton spend a few days with us here at Bitlis. It is seldom one of these officials enters so heartily into the interests of the mission work as does he. I do not mean that Consuls are not socially pleasant with us Americans; but as one frankly said to me, "I pity the Armenians, but I don't like them."
Two of our teachers; one of whom has been both teacher and preacher for six years; and the other has filled both offices one year since his graduation, left with Mr. C. this morning, on their way to the Harpoot Theological Seminary. The roads are not favorable by the Diarbekir route, and you may remember the reputation of the road via Mouch to Palu. They started out with no little fear and apprehension, yet I was pleased to see the earnest spirit they both manifested and their feeling, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Another of our graduates was of the party returning to teach in the orphanage at Mouch, where he did such efficient work the past eight months. The village schools is a perplexing

problem under existing conditions.
A question one of the graduates asked when considering the question of going to a village near Monak as a teacher was. Do you think you can get us out of prison, if we are thrust in? We can not assure any one that we could. Villages, many, clamor for a school; and we have more competent teachers than money to support them; but under existing conditions the teachers need to be heroic who undertake that work.
We are hoping that the young man, from Sintab, may be a real help in the Boys High School. If so it will relieve Mr. Cole from some care. We appreciate your warm sympathy in our peculiar trials, and your kindness and helpfulness to our Nellie. We shall turn over to her a large share of the orphanage correspondence. With youth and enthusiasm on her side she will be able to interest the foster parents, who forget, some of them, that we have any other work to do than writing letters to them. She will have to average more than four "orphan letters" a week, to satisfy the least exacting foster parents.

I know she will be a great help to her father. He said to me the other day, "In her zeal to help me we must not allow her to do too much." She resembles him in her energy and perseverance, so I shall have two to keep a watch over lest they work beyond their strength.

Our Frank is to enter the senior class at Amherst college. He had reached Oberlin and was having a delightful visit with Nellie and Mamie. He had not yet seen Alice, who is at Cleveland at work during a part of her vacation.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. R. M. L. C. Cole.

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Mrs. L. C. Cole

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Bittis. Sep. 27. 1904.

r. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your of Aug. 30
r. Cole hoped to answer today,
t work has crowded all day
nd it has been impossible.
Out the request of Mr. Donligan
r. Cole will write him direct.
e two children he wishes to go
their father are both more,
d consequently under existing
nditions there seems no
traightforward way to get a
assport for them. Various
harp schemes are resorted to
many parties in getting out
in passports, but most fully
can not adopt this method.
good, Rev. Cogin will soon
rival, friends, and can explain
ully to the anxious father how
atters stand. They are both in
compound, and as safe
any one in this city. They are
ommising children, both of them
nd the father has no cause

to be anxious about them.

You reported Willie delay till Sep. in coming. The fear it will be a dry journey from Erzerum to Bitlis at this season, but we are trying not to feel too anxious about him. We sending one bundle of warm clothing as fast as Erzerum fearing the Bitlis will supply the same road outfit which Dr. left in his medical room when they came in contact and it burned up in the flames at the time of fire. Consequently the articles now being sent are not to compare with the first ones.

We are much pleased with Dr. Effendi, a graduate who has come to teach in our Boys High School. He has upon a he has begun his work relying as of much care and anxiety and intensely grateful to Anita College. The Russian Consul long ago accredited to Bitlis, at Tiflis arrived and has been waiting to go, while Mr. Cole had to dispose of everything to secure his release.

Yours sincerely, L. C. Cole

Rec'd JUN 19 1906

Bitlis, April 14, 1906.

Dear Dr. Thom:-

I have consulted the other members of our station about an increase of salary, and we all feel that in a year of financial stress for board, it isn't a question considered.

I spent sixteen years at Erzeroum & know that as large a salary as I did there we get here.

In one item of fuel it is more expensive at Erzeroum & but that is offset by the cheaper sugar, kerosene, and all other articles that come from the outside.

Experience has doubtless taught older missionaries many lessons of economy, and in many

also have learned to do without some comforts we once felt were necessities. These are our our sentiments whether we leave for the needed rest this year, or hold on still longer. The Misses Ely were very decided in their statement that after receiving the present salary nearly forty years they should not ask to have the figures changed. When we visited Mr. Pierce at Bardezog he told us he could live much more comfortably on his salary than he did at Erzerum. But I take it you only wish to know whether our salary needs to be increased to save us from starvation and, to that question Bitlis answers No.

In behalf of the Station,

E. C. Cole.

Bitlis.

April - 1906

Corp. Mass. A.B.C.F.M.

Rec'd OCT 25 1906
Ans'd FEB 20 1907

Bitlis.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D. Turkey in Asia, Sep. 21/06.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Yours of Aug. 16 came last week in which you tell us no one has yet been found to take our places here. We are not disheartened, for we know you are doing all in your power to find the right family for Bitlis; but our pastor Khachig can not believe that anyone will be found willing to come. We had a long talk the other day when he asked the usual question after each mail, has any one been found for Bitlis? We told him what you wrote, that as yet no recruits were in sight, but we felt sure they would come in God's own time; that Bitlis was not going to be left desolate. But all we could say would not arouse his drooping spirits. He again, as he has repeatedly urged us not to leave, pointing out his fears which he regards as prophecies, that no one will come, and eventually this part of the station field will be passed over to Van. He said he was offering his house for sale, and should plan to leave at Easter if we were

to go, and no other missy was here in charge. We tried to inspire him with faith, but he was so "dun on the Slough of Despond" that our words could not lift the gloom that enveloped him. We feel strongly that the Misses Ely are not equal to being left here alone for many weeks at a time. They are not strong and when they have in Mr. Cole, to bear the brunt of all the difficulties, it is a grave question how long they would hold out. It would be especially hard for Miss Mary Ely, who tries to shield her sister, Miss C. Ely, from all the worries, for her nervous system can not bear them. It has pained us not a little to see their eyes fill with tears when any mention was made of our leaving, and to hear Miss C. Ely say, in a husky voice, "I can not talk about it," and turn away with her eyes brimming with unshed tears.

Another reason why it seemed more imperative for us to pass another winter here is the probable vacancy of the British Vice-Consulate thro. the winter, on account of Mr. Leary's "leave" in November. The Russian Consul would be no help to them whatever. I confess I have felt my

husband ought not to run the risk of remaining here this winter, but it seems to him he ought not to leave the ladies alone to face the long and trying Bitlis winter.

Nellie and I are trying to be the "Aaron and Hur" to hold up the hands of the tired overworked missionary.

Nellie gives nearly all her time to the orphanage and the Industrial Department, thus saving her father's time and strength. She is doing a great deal more for the orphans than we could possibly do, with all our cares. She has carried out the plans started before she came, and enlarged them to the great advantage of the orphans. Thursh has youth and enthusiasm, which win the hearts of the orphan boys. We couldn't have remained this past year, if it had not been for her timely aid. We are trusting that strength will be given, day by day, to the one whose presence here seems so greatly needed.

We would gladly remain ten years more in this dark corner of Kurdistan if need, but we may future, we notes imperative for Mr. Cole, to restore his former vigor. Meantime we shall try to keep him from

doing two men's work, as he is so constantly tempted to do. His sympathies are heavily taxed with the sorrows of these sorely afflicted ones. That passage of Scripture, "He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" has been fuller of meaning the last few years to us than ever before. One can endure a great amount of work, but the misery and suffering around saddens and depresses us more than anyone can realize, who has not lived and breathed in this atmosphere. But none of this must appear, for they all look to us for hope and cheer.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. R. M.) L. C. Cole.

Cittlo. Turkey. Sept 21-1906.

Nellie A. Cole

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Rec'd JUL 28 1904

Oberlin, Ohio.
July 27th, 1904.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr. Barton:-

Your note of the 15th instant came with the inclosed blanks for my passport. I had them filled out Monday but was unable to get it off till this morning since I was out of town a good share of yesterday.

My preparations are going forward steadily for the journey. I am enjoying the quiet summer vacation here at home with my sister Alice. Mary is in town but is only here for sleeping. Both girls are very busy. Yet we see a good deal of one another.

I remain
sincerely yours,
Nellie A. Cole.

Prof. Ripley
Oberlin, July 27, 1904

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Ans'd FEB 3 1905

Bitlis, Turkey.
Dec. 13th, 1904.

Dr. James L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.,

My dear Dr. Barton:—

You have doubtless heard that all of our large party that sailed away from Boston harbor, have reached their destinations. We did indeed have a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic.

The number of passengers was small, but all were congenial. We had comparatively very little of what might be called rough weather on the Atlantic; none at all both on the English Channel and Black Sea. In fact I never have know the two latter bodies of water so calm on any previous voyage.

Our stay in London was very brief. We took the train at Flushing via Dresden, Vienna, so on to Constantinople. One night apiece was spent in Dresden and Vienna, just long enough to make one heartily wish for more time to visit the picture galleries, conservatories, and other interesting spots. It gave me a glimpse, however, of what I shall hope to renew, later, more at length.

At Constantinople, a severe cold laid me by for several days, so that I was unable to be "up and doing" till

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near the time for taking our Black Sea trip.
In good time, we sailed into Trebizond and were met by Mr. Leiamford, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. Shifley, the last two being the H. B. M. vice Consul and wife at Erzeroom temporarily. After all the jargon of tongues and mixture of races, it seemed doubly welcome to see persons of our own nationality and hear the English language.

I should have added above, that our party changed a good deal from London on. By the time we reached Trebizond, Miss Lord and I were the only ones left of the original number. Miss Foote joined us at Constantinople, and at Trebizond, Mr. Stapleton, his Satalie, and Mr. Shifley were added to our ranks for the Erzeroom part of the journey.
Good weather cheered us nearly all the way.
No serious accidents hindered the caravan, so we made Erzeroom very comfortably and in good time.

Rain kept Dr. Underwood and me from starting the last stage of the trip. But after several days rest I was glad that pleasant weather at last permitted our starting what was, in some respects, the hardest part of my entire journey.

Mr. Stapleton and Miss Foote accompanied Dr. Un and me as far as Knanorse, whither they were bound

on a tour of the near villages. We four spent Sunday together, then parted rather early Monday morning.

It seemed as though our most startling experiences were summed up in the last three and a half days.

Once, as we were slowly winding in and out among some lonely looking mountains, the unwelcome sight of about a dozen well mounted horsemen met our gaze. They evidently saw us soon after we espied them, for in a few seconds the command was given for them to halt till we caught up.

You may be sure that we then went at snail-pace, for we knew that once in their hands, our small caravan would stand no chance of escape.

It happened that our regular guard was not with us, but had been expected to overtake us in a few hours.

Providentially, as it seemed, a Kurdish woman, evidentaly a friend of the band, came out onto a roof of a house in a village that we were just passing and shouted what sounded like Protè, Protè. It had a magical effect for speedily the band scattered and we breathed more easily. The next day we met another and larger band, were caught in a drenching rain, had a rousing time with an ugly guard, and so forth.

But all these trials seemed only small annoyances

when the thought came with ever increasing vividness, that each hour brought home nearer!

Now hear I am, little by little getting into the orphanage work, enjoying my S.S. class of twenty five orphan boys, writing orphan letters, and helping to entertain the many callers, thus freeing Papa's and Mamma's time for other work.

Sincerely yours
Nellie A. Hole.

Dear Dr. Barton;-

As you met our writer of the Barton Bible - she having been yet so very recently - have no need to introduce her to you here. We are very happy in having her with us and she is so ready in the language & so much at home in the work as to help out very much - She sends herewith acct. of her journey to Mr. Wiggin, but I am sorry to say that missionary Crawford writes as though one of her trunks valued $80 to $100 seems lost. It was left behind on board from Liverpool, and, tho one has reached Trebizond, Mr Crawford now for three weeks can learn nothing as to the other and thinks he better demand price of "S. S" Co. or Customs presuming it has been stolen, alas, thus it is so hard to regain any such thing price while it is not easy to make up a wardrobe in such a place